



# Air Resources Board



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## **AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006**

### **Notice of Public Workshop to Discuss the Preliminary Draft Regulation for a California Cap-and-Trade Program**

#### **Public Workshop on the Preliminary Draft Regulation**

ARB staff invites you to participate in a workshop to discuss the [Preliminary Draft Regulation \(PDR\)](#) for a California Cap-and-Trade Program: a California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market Based Compliance Mechanism. This workshop will provide the public an opportunity to discuss the PDR with staff and to provide initial comment and feedback. We welcome and encourage your participation in this event. For further information, please contact Lucille van Ommering, Manager of the Program Operations Section, ARB Office of Climate Change, at 916-324-5931.

#### **Workshop Time and Location**

We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. The public workshop will be held at the following location and will also be webcast:

Date: Monday, December 14, 2009  
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters, Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

#### **Background on the Preliminary Draft Regulation**

In December 2008, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the AB 32 Scoping Plan, California's blueprint for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Plan incorporates a range of measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California, including the creation of a cap-and-trade program. As proposed, the California cap-and-trade program would include a stringent declining emissions cap that would cover 85 percent of California's GHG emissions. Emissions trading and the limited use of offsets would provide flexibility for covered entities to comply.

The conceptual regulatory framework in the PDR is the result of 21 public meetings and numerous consultations with stakeholders that were held to discuss and share ideas on the appropriate design and structure of the cap-and-trade program. The PDR includes an overview which provides a general description of the cap-and-trade mechanism and summarizes the structure and content of the PDR.

In addition to the preliminary draft regulatory text, the PDR includes narrative text to explain concepts for which we are seeking additional public input. While staff has specifically

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highlighted a number of areas for public comment, we welcome and will consider comments on all portions of the draft for the Spring 2010 proposed draft regulation. **Please submit your comments by January 11, 2010** at:

[http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=dec-14-pdr-  
ws&comm\\_period=1](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm2/bcsubform.php?listname=dec-14-pdr-<br/>ws&comm_period=1).

The PDR also includes a preview of upcoming regulatory revisions to ARB's Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. These revisions will be needed to accommodate a wider range of facilities and entities than are currently required to report their emissions. More detailed proposed regulatory language on this necessary complement to the cap-and-trade program will be released in the Spring of 2010.

### **Workshop Materials**

The workshop materials and agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm#publicmeetings>. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices of ARB activities and public meetings.

### **Video/Audio Webcast**

A live video/audio webcast will be available for the workshop at the following link: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal. You can also submit your questions and comments during the workshops to [ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov).

### **Special Accommodations or Language Assistance**

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact Claudia Orlando at 916-322-7492 or [corlando@arb.ca.gov](mailto:corlando@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

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