CARB Public Outreach Meetings on Minimizing Community Health Impacts from Freight Facilities

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in public outreach meetings to discuss concepts for minimizing community health impacts from seaports, railyards, warehouses/distribution centers, and other freight hubs. Transitioning to a less-polluting, more efficient, modern freight transport system is essential to meeting our public health mandates, climate goals, and economic needs.

We plan to summarize our analysis of concepts to reduce emissions from freight facilities. We will also share our preliminary recommendations for additional CARB regulations and other actions to minimize the health impacts on communities near freight hubs.

Long Beach Meeting
DATE: February 13, 2018
TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Long Beach Main Library
Downstairs Lobby
101 Pacific Avenue
Beach, California 90802

Sacramento Meeting
DATE: February 14, 2018
TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
* A webcast of this event will be available at: Webcast Link

Fresno Meeting
DATE: February 15, 2018
TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: San Joaquin Valley APCD Office
Meeting Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

These meetings will be a roundtable format to support more interactive discussions. All meetings will follow the same format and present the same material. The staff presentation will be posted before the meeting on CARB’s website. This notice and the handouts for the staff presentation will also be available in Spanish.

Background
In March 2017, the Board heard public testimony on the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD’s) Plan and CARB’s Mobile Source Strategy for the State Implementation Plan
The Board adopted Resolutions 17-7 and 17-8, as well as an addendum that provided additional direction to staff, including:

Within 12 months, “…staff shall return to the Board with concepts for an indirect source rule to control pollution from large freight facilities including ports, railyards, warehouses, and distribution centers, as well as any identified alternatives capable of achieving similar levels of emission reductions…”

The process for developing concepts has involved extensive stakeholder outreach, including formal workshops, informal community meetings, and public outreach meetings throughout California. Staff have worked with stakeholders to gather information on existing community impacts near freight facilities, identify potential options for reducing emissions from freight facilities, and understand the relative pros and cons of different approaches. CARB staff will present concepts to the Board in March 2018.

These CARB freight-related activities also work in concert with the ongoing work to implement Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Statutes of 2017), which will establish guidance for the development and implementation of community reduction plans focused on reducing exposures in the neighborhoods most impacted by pollution. Assembly Bill 617 is the most significant piece of air quality legislation in decades and highlights the need for further emission reductions in communities with high exposure burdens. CARB staff will develop a statewide strategy to reduce toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in the most heavily impacted neighborhoods. Over the next few years, CARB staff will be working closely with local air districts, community groups, community members, environmental organizations, and regulated industries to reduce harmful air emissions and create this new framework for community protection.

Special Accommodation Request

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For More Information

Please visit Minimizing Community Health Impacts from Freight for more information on concepts to control pollution from large freight facilities.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. If you have questions about the public outreach meeting, please contact Andrew Tsiu, (916) 324-0317.

If you would like to receive notices of future freight meetings and the availability of materials, please subscribe below.