

Air Resources Board

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To All Interested Parties:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed regulatory language for reducing high-global warming potential (GWP) refrigerant emissions from stationary refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment through leak repair, reporting, improved refrigerant recovery rates, and other approaches. This control measure is being developed as an early action measure pursuant to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

At the workshop, ARB staff will present an overview of the sector, efforts to date, the draft preliminary results of emissions inventory, cost analysis, and the draft regulatory language.

Workshop Logistics Information:

In order to gather additional information from all stakeholders, staff will host three workshops throughout the State. Staff will present the same information at all three locations shown below.

Diamond Bar

Date: February 3 (Tuesday), 2009 Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Location: 21865 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Modesto

Date: February 5 (Thursday), 2009 Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Location: 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

Sacramento (Webcast - http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1)

Date: February 10 (Tuesday), 2009 Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: Byron Sher Auditorium (2F), 1001 I Street, Sacramento Direction: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABIdg/location.htm

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <u>http://www.arb.ca.gov</u>.

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For questions or requests regarding a disability-related reasonable accommodation request for Sacramento location, please contact Angel Melendez at (916) 323-4916. TTY/TDD/Speech-to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live video/audio webcast will be available beginning at 10:00 AM on February 10, 2009 at: <u>http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1</u>. During the Sacramento workshop, the webcast audience may submit questions and comments using the following E-mail address: <u>auditorium@calepa.ca.gov</u>.

We have developed a website (<u>http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reftrack/reftrack.htm</u>) and listserve (<u>http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv.php</u>) to help stakeholders stay current on regulatory developments, future meetings, and timelines. In mid or late January 2009, ARB staff will post the following documents on our website: draft revised regulatory language, and two draft technical appendices: Appendix A - California Facilities and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – High-Global Warming Potential Stationary Source Refrigerant Management Program; and Appendix B – Economic Impact Estimates – High-Global Warming Potential Stationary Source Refrigerant Management Program. These two documents present the technical review of staff's research on the baseline 2010 and 2020 business-as-usual and post rule implementation emissions inventory, potential emissions reductions, and costs related to the Refrigerant Management Program proposed regulation. An agenda and staff presentation will be posted prior to the Diamond Bar workshop at our website too.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions about the public workshop or future outreach activities, please contact Yachun Chow at (916) 323-1532 or <u>ychow@arb.ca.gov</u>, or Pamela Gupta, Manager of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy Section, at (916) 327-0604 or <u>pgupta@arb.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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