

Announcing a Technology Forum and Roundtable Discussion

## **Car Scrapping and Repair Programs – Current Status and Future Direction**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. South Coast AQMD Headquarters Auditorium 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

There are currently three programs in Southern California to encourage either scrapping or repairing old cars to reduce emissions. Enhancements of these programs have been officially included as emission reduction strategies in the 2007 State Implementation Plan submittal for the South Coast. The federal government is exploring the possibility of a "cash for clunkers" program to help spur the economy and reduce emissions.

Are these car scrapping and repair programs cost effective? Are the programs competing with each other for the same pool of vehicles? How can the programs be improved?

The AQMD is hosting a one-day forum and roundtable discussion of the benefits, challenges and possible improvements to the various car scrapping and repair programs being conducted in Southern California. A panel of experts will make presentations in the morning, followed by a roundtable discussion and public question/answer period in the afternoon. The public is encouraged to participate in the afternoon discussion period.

The AQMD encourages anyone interested in this topic to attend this free forum. The forum will also be webcast live, and following the event, copies of the agenda, presentations and recorded webcast will be posted on the AQMD's Technology Forum/Roundtable website at: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/ConferencesWorkshops/techforum.htm</u>

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