

August 20, 2018

To All Interested Parties:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss draft regulatory concepts for the Control Measure for Ocean-Going Vessels Operating At Berth and At Anchor (At Berth and At Anchor Regulation). The workshops are open to the public and we encourage your participation.

During these workshops, staff intends to discuss refined concepts, draft regulatory language, estimates of emissions and health risk reductions, preliminary cost analysis, and to solicit early scoping feedback on the environmental impact analysis which will be prepared for this regulatory action. These workshops will therefore also serve as a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting.

The new regulation is intended to improve implementation of the existing Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Auxiliary Diesel Engines Operated on Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth in a California port and increase the community health benefits of the existing regulation. The Board is scheduled to consider approval of the new control measure in Spring 2019.

Workshop Information

Workshops will be held at the locations and dates shown in the table below. Both workshops will follow the same format and present the same material.

Date and Time	Location
Thursday September 6, 2018	Oakland Elihu M Harris Building, Room 1 1515 Clay St. Oakland, California 94612
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)	
Monday September 17, 2018 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (PDT)	San Pedro Port of Los Angeles Administration Building Board Hearing Room, Second Floor 425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, California 90731

Presentations and associated documents will be posted on CARB's website, https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/shorepower.htm prior to the workshops.

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CARB staff will be hosting additional community-focused meetings this fall to talk with residents living near seaports, about multiple actions to reduce the health impacts from marine operations. To receive important updates and notices about the At Berth and At Anchor Regulation meetings and developments, please sign up for the At Berth and At Anchor Email List at:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=shorepower.

Environmental Analysis

This workshop will serve as a scoping meeting as required by CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA and CARB's Certified Regulatory Program (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251(d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 60000–60008), staff is reviewing the At Berth and At Anchor Regulation to determine if the proposed project will result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. Staff will provide an overview of CARB's process for preparing the environmental analysis (EA) and its content. Staff welcomes public input at the workshop on the appropriate scope and content of the EA at the beginning of our process, including the reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance with the At Berth and At Anchor Regulation, the potential significant adverse impacts associated with the methods of compliance, potential feasible mitigation measures, and feasible alternatives to the proposal that could reduce or eliminate any significant adverse impacts. A Draft EA will be released for a 45-day public review and comment period with the At Berth and At Anchor Regulation. Comments received at this public workshop will be considered when preparing the CEQA document.

Background

CARB adopted the original At-Berth Regulation in 2007 to protect public health by controlling oxides of nitrogen (NOx), particulate matter (PM), diesel PM, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from diesel auxiliary engines on container ships, passenger ships, and refrigerated-cargo ships while berthing at a California port.

In March 2017, the Board adopted the "Revised Proposed 2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan (State SIP Strategy)" which includes a commitment to bring a new or amended At-Berth Regulation before the Board which can achieve greater emission reductions. In addition, the Board adopted Resolutions 17-7 and 17-8 and an addendum that provided additional direction to staff including, but not limited to:

Within 18 months, "...staff shall develop At-Berth Regulation amendments that achieve up to 100% compliance by 2030 for LA Ports and Ports that are in or adjacent to areas in the top 10% of those defined as most impacted by [CalEnviroScreen]."

The State of California has recently placed additional emphasis on protecting local communities from harmful effects of air pollution though the passage of Assembly Bill

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617 (AB 617) (Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017). AB 617 is a significant piece of air quality legislation that highlights the need for further emission reductions in communities with high exposure burdens, like those near ports.

This action includes evaluating how a new At Berth and At Anchor Regulation can achieve further emission reductions by including smaller fleets, additional vessel types (including roll-on/roll-off vehicle carriers, bulk cargo carriers, and tankers), and additional operations. These actions will help reduce localized health impacts, attain air quality standards, and achieve CARB's climate targets.

Special Accommodation Request

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Ms. Layla Gonzalez at (916) 324-0354 or email Layla.Gonzalez@arb.ca.gov no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meetings. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, favor de contactar a Stephen Cutts al (916) 323-1603 o scutts@arb.ca.gov lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de 10 días de trabajo antes de la junta programada. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

More Information

On August 14, 2018 CARB staff released a bulletin via email encouraging public input on alternative approaches required by the Government Code section 11346.3, Standardized Regulatory Impact Analysis (SRIA).

For more information, please visit CARB's website at: https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower.htm.

If you have questions about the workshops, please contact Ms. Nicole Light at (916) 445-6012 or email Nicole.Light@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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