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WORKSHOP NOTICE

Public Workshops for

Amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Diesel Particulate Matter from Portable Engines Rated at 50 Horsepower and Greater (ATCM) and to the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program Regulation (PERP Regulation).

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss proposed amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Diesel Particulate Matter from Portable Engines Rated At 50 Horsepower and Greater (title 17, California Code of Regulations, § 93116-93116.5). The Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program Regulation (title 13 California Code of Regulations, § 2450-2565) will also be revised to complement any changes made to the ATCM. The workshops are open to the public and full participation by all parties is encouraged. All three workshops will present the same information. Following are the three locations where the workshops will be held:

DATE: March 3, 2016

TIME: 10 am

LOCATION: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Region Office
Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

DIRECTIONS: http://www.valleyair.org/General_info/Directions_Fresno.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: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

DATE: March 8, 2016
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copely Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765
DIRECTIONS: <http://www.aqmd.gov/contact>

DATE: March 10, 2016
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Byron Sher Auditorium – 2nd floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
DIRECTIONS: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>

Background.

ARB adopted the ATCM in 2004 to protect public health by controlling emissions from nearly all diesel fueled portable engines rated at 50 horsepower and greater operating in California. The current ATCM requires subject fleets of engines to meet a series of fleet average emission standards for diesel particulate matter (DPM). The ATCM fleet standards became effective in January 2013, and will become progressively more stringent in January 2017 and in January 2020. This regulation is part of the State's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan to reduce DPM, and it provides the additional benefit of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions reductions that help achieve air quality standards.

ARB adopted the PERP Regulation in 1997 to offer portable equipment owners a permit/registration option recognized in all 35 local air districts. A permit, or registration, may otherwise be required from each local air district in which the engine/equipment unit was to operate. Under PERP, only the most current tier engines, and engines manufactured under the flexibility provisions (flex engines), are currently eligible for

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initial engine registration with certain exceptions for auxiliary engines in specific categories.

Proposed Revisions to the ATCM and the PERP Regulation.

ARB has concluded the upcoming 2017 ATCM fleet average standards are not reasonably achievable for fleet owners because cleaner engine technologies did not become available as quickly as was anticipated when the Rule was adopted in 2004. As a result, ARB plans to revise the fleet average emission standards for DPM from portable diesel-fueled engines. As necessary, revisions made to the ATCM will also be reflected in the PERP Regulation in order to maintain consistency between the two regulations. Additional revisions will be made to the PERP Regulation to remove obsolete language and improve clarity. The public workshops are intended to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a variety of concepts and alternatives to the current fleet averages. ARB invites any comments, suggestions, and recommendations which encourage development of revised standards that will better protect public health while considering the availability of the necessary technology and economic impacts to regulated fleets. The Board is scheduled to consider this item at its March 2017, public hearing. The staff presentation for the workshops will be posted at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perpact/portable-activity.htm> before the workshops occur.

Workshop Information

If you require special accommodation for the workshop, or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print), or another language, please contact Ms. Alyssa Green, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-1034 or via e-mail at Alyssa.Green@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcast) will be available at all three workshops. The workshop broadcasts can be accessed via: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> for the Sacramento workshop, <http://www.agmd.gov/home/library/webcasts> for the Diamond Bar workshop, and http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm for the Fresno workshop.

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An e-mail address will be made available at each workshop to submit questions or comments during that workshop.

Further Information

Please check the website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perpact/portable-activity.htm> for updates, including the publication of revised draft regulatory language and other related documents. Updates on public outreach will also be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=portable

If you have any questions about the public workshop or about portable diesel engines requirements, please contact James Aguila, Air Resources Engineer at (916) 229-0976 james.aguila@arb.ca.gov or Ronald Walter, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 327-5623, rwalter@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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