

**State of California
Air Resources Board
Board Item Summary**

Item # 21-5-3: 2020 Annual Enforcement Report

Staff Recommendation:

This is an informational item only. No action is required.

Discussion:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) Enforcement Programs focuses on achieving compliance across industry in order to protect public health and maintain a fair and level playing field. Staff work to achieve this goal by targeting enforcement efforts where they are most needed, bringing violators into compliance, and assessing penalties that serve as a deterrent to non-compliance in the future. Staff publishes the Annual Enforcement Report each year in June. This year's report describes CARB's enforcement process and efforts to target enforcement to address environmental injustice, describes how we adapted to COVID-19, highlights key successes in 2020, and provides comprehensive statistics demonstrating our enforcement work.

In 2020, CARB achieved a 98 percent compliance rate with California registered trucks and buses – an increase from 66 percent in 2016. CARB staff inspected more than 13,000 vehicles and marine vessels, with 74 percent of them in disadvantaged communities. CARB also published an investigation into the San Joaquin Valley's Emission Reduction Credit System, leading to reform and greater equity in industrial permitting. CARB directed almost \$7 million to supplemental environmental projects that provide high efficiency air filtration to students in schools and other benefits to disadvantaged communities. CARB resolved a landmark case with Mercedes Benz for using defeat devices in its cars, resulting in more than \$1 billion in penalties and mitigation nationally, with \$285 million going to California. In 2020 CARB settled 959 cases and citations for \$22,009,875.

Summary and Impacts:

This is an informational board item only and does not suggest any regulatory changes that would have an economic or environmental impact.