

State of California Air Resources Board

Board Item Summary

Item # 21-5-5: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on the Assembly Bill 617 Technology Clearinghouse

Staff Recommendation:

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

Discussion:

In response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), the California Air Resource Board (CARB or Board) established the Community Air Protection Program to reduce emissions and exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution. Underpinning AB 617 is the understanding that community members are active partners with CARB and California's 35 air districts in envisioning, communicating, developing, and implementing actions to clean up the air in their communities.

AB 617 requires CARB to establish and maintain a statewide Technology Clearinghouse to provide access to transparent information on criteria air pollutant and toxic air contaminant emissions limits for use in identifying opportunities to reduce emissions in communities throughout California. The Technology Clearinghouse brings together existing policy, emissions limits, and control technology from California's 35 air districts and CARB programs, along with information on cleaner-than-currently required technologies.

Over the past three years, CARB staff have worked closely with community members and air districts to develop stand-alone prototype tools that serve two goals: to test needed functionality for the final system and to serve immediate, short-term data needs until the full system is released. This informational item will update the Board on the status and progress of the Technology Clearinghouse development, provide examples of the prototypes currently available, and share how community feedback has enhanced the value of these tools.

Summary and Impacts:

Not Applicable.