

NOTICE OF CONTINUATION

TITLE 13. CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS FOR 2007-2009 MODEL-YEAR HEAVY DUTY URBAN BUS ENGINES AND THE FLEET RULE FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a continuation of a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider adoption of amendments to the statewide exhaust emission standards and test procedures for urban bus engines and vehicles and to the ARB fleet rule for transit agencies. This amendment, along with specific changes in the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies addressing transit vehicles in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), was described in the Notice for the September 15, 2005 rulemaking hearing. At the September 15-16, 2005 hearing, only modifications addressing amendments affecting the SCAQMD transit fleet will be heard by the Board.

DATE: October 20, 2005

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 20, 2005, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., October 21, 2005. This item may not be considered until October 21, 2005. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 20, 2005, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

Staff has identified two policy decisions to be considered by the Board. They are:

- The appropriate emission standards for new 2007 and later model-year urban bus engines, and the potential amendment of ARB's transit fleet rule to require the use of alternative fuel transit buses statewide; and
- The need for Board adoption of a fleet rule requiring the use of alternative fuel buses by the six "diesel path" transit agencies within SCAQMD.

The second policy decision, which affects transit agencies in the SCAQMD only, will be considered by the Board at the September 15-16, 2005 hearing. The first policy decision affects transit agencies throughout the state, and will be considered by the Board at the October 20-21, 2005 hearing.

THE CONTINUED HEARING

The continued hearing will be conducted as described in the original notice, except that written submissions must be addressed to and received by the Clerk of the Board as described below. All comments submitted for the September 15, 2005, hearing will remain part of the rulemaking record. The original notice, the ISOR and all subsequent regulatory documents, including the FSOR, when completed, are available on the ARB Internet site for this rulemaking at www.arb.ca.gov/regact/sctransit/sctransit.htm and are available as described in the original notice.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the hearing, and in writing or by e-mail before the hearing. To be considered by the Board, written submissions not physically submitted at the hearing must be received **no later than 12:00 noon**, October 19, 2005, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail is to be sent to:

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, 23rd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic mail is to be sent to: sctransit@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon**, October 19, 2005.

Facsimile transmissions are to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-3928 and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon**, October 19, 2005.

The Board requests but does not require that 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the hearing so that ARB staff and Board Members have time to fully consider each comment. The Board encourages members of the public to bring to the attention of staff in advance of the hearing any suggestions for modification of the proposed regulatory action.

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulation may be directed to the designated agency contact persons, Ms. Kathleen Mead by email at kmead@arb.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 324-9550, or to Ms. Annette Hebert by email at ahebert@arb.ca.gov or by phone at (626) 575-6973.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

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Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

| Date: September 9, 2005

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