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Public Workshop Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) Emission Reductions from Gas Insulates Switchgear

Topic and Purpose

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss a draft regulation proposal for reducing sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) emissions from the gas insulated switchgear used in electrical transmission and distribution systems.

At the workshop, ARB staff will present a brief update and draft regulation text followed by an open forum to discuss these items as well as alternative strategies. Staff will use information gathered through this process to refine the proposed regulatory language and supporting documentation. These regulations are currently scheduled to be heard by the Air Resources Board at its December 2009 meeting.

Public Workshop Logistics and Additional Information

The public workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Time: 10:00 A.M. - Noon
Location: Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast Information

This meeting will be webcast, and viewers can email written comments or questions during the session to sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

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>.

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If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance; or 2) contact our Disability Coordinator by voice at (916) 323-4916; or 3) access the California Relay Service at 711.

If you need assistance in a language other than English, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or 2) contact our Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053 as soon as possible.

Website and Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to this meeting at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sf6elec/sf6elec.htm> From this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices for future meetings and regulatory developments.

We Value Your Input

We welcome and appreciate your participation in this working group meeting. If you have any questions regarding this meeting or the SF₆ emission reduction measure, please contact Mr. David Mehl, Manager, Energy Section at (916) 323-1491, or by e-mail at dmehl@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Michelle Garcia, Air Pollution Specialist, Energy Section at (916) 322-8387, or by e-mail at mgarcia@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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