



Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS CERTIFICATION FOR ENGINES FOR SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLES (KIT CARS, ETC.)

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is currently considering a new procedure to evaluate and certify new engine packages intended for use in specially constructed vehicles (i.e., kit cars). Hobbyists choosing to install engines certified via the new procedure would be able to register their vehicle for use in California without needing to obtain a Certificate of Sequence from the California Department of Motor Vehicles and utilizing Health and Safety Code section 44017.4. Staff believes creating a certification path for such engine packages could result in emission benefits compared to existing specially constructed vehicle practices, and would offer a new option to hobbyists.

A workshop to discuss ARB staff's preliminary proposal was held on May 31, 2011, in Sacramento, California. Staff plans to hold a subsequent workshop on July 28, 2011 in El Monte, California to discuss staff's draft regulatory proposal, including draft regulatory language and certification procedures.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

DATE: Thursday, July 28, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (PDT)

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
9430 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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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At this July 28 workshop, staff will solicit comments on the draft regulatory language and certification procedures, as well as provide more information on how the new procedure to evaluate and certify new engine packages would work with the processes of other state agencies, such as California Department of Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Automotive Repair, and California Highway Patrol. Staff will post presentation materials and draft regulatory language to the ARB specially constructed vehicle website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/spcns/spcns.htm> prior to the workshop.

If you require special accommodations or have special language needs, please contact David Leuterio at (916) 322-6971 or dleuteri@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

ARB will also use the Specially Constructed Vehicle Program list serve to provide stakeholders with further information regarding staff's proposals. If you wish to sign up for this list serve, please visit:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=spcns

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the workshop. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail before the workshop or by electronic submittal before and during the workshop.

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We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Anna Wong, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2410, or by email at awong@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager, at (916) 327-2200, or by email at kheroyro@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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