

Date: April 17, 2018

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2018 IMPROVEMENTS TO VAPOR RECOVERY NOZZLE AND VEHICLE FILL PIPE SPECIFICATIONS

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the following regulations:

- (1) Certification procedures for vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities to standardize nozzle spout dimensions; and
- (2) Specifications for fill pipes and openings of motor vehicle fuel tanks.

The proposed regulations will reduce evaporative emissions by improving compatibility between vapor recovery nozzles and vehicle fill pipes. Evaporative emissions are of concern because they contribute to the formation of ozone (photochemical smog) and contain benzene, a toxic air contaminant, which is harmful to public health.

The workshop will be held in southern California as indicated below. Participants are encouraged to attend in person. For those who wish to attend remotely, a toll-free conference call number (listen only) and webinar will be available. Please see table below for more details. Those attending remotely can submit written questions via email at vapor@arb.ca.gov.

Public Workshop Date, Time and Location	Remote Access
<p>Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018</p> <p>Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (PST)</p> <p>Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District: Auditorium 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, California 91765</p> <p>Directions: Click Here</p>	<p>Phone*: Toll Free: (800) 230-1059 Access Code: 447428</p> <p>Webinar^: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1021652300687329795</p> <p>* If you have difficulties in accessing the conference call or webinar on the day of the workshop, please call (916) 327-0900.</p> <p>^ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</p>

Background

A prior workshop held in December 2017 reviewed recent findings and potential solutions to address overpressure conditions, which occur at gasoline dispensing facilities (GDF) equipped with underground storage tanks (UST) and Phase II Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR). This

upcoming workshop will focus primarily on one of the solutions identified during the December 2017 workshop: improving compatibility between nozzles and motor vehicle fill pipes.

Industry Task Force

CARB staff has considered feedback provided at the December 2017 and earlier workshops, as well as recommendations by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Fuels System Task Force (SAE Task Force) on standardization of the vapor recovery nozzle and vehicle fill pipe interface. CARB staff became involved with the SAE Task Force in May of 2016, after discovering that certain capless fill pipe designs (those with an open drain path) allow vapor recovery nozzles to collect excess fresh air, which contributes to overpressure by enhancing gasoline evaporation in USTs. Over the last two years, the SAE Task Force has developed a list of recommended dimensional and performance specifications for nozzles and fill pipes to ensure compatibility. These recommendations provide the basis for staff's regulatory proposals.

Scope of This Workshop

At the December 2017 public workshop, CARB staff indicated that the Board would also consider amendment of In-Station Diagnostic (ISD) system overpressure related alarm thresholds and other potential solutions as part of a comprehensive regulatory package. Consideration of these items by the Board has been delayed until later in 2019 to allow staff additional time to work with stakeholders in assessing effectiveness, applicability, and costs. Therefore, this workshop will not include a discussion of regulatory proposals for these additional items.

Workshop Agenda

The workshop will include a presentation covering the following topics:

- Introduction
- Overview of the proposed regulatory amendments to specifications for fill pipes and openings of motor vehicle fuel tanks (Advanced Clean Cars Program)
- Overview of the proposed regulatory amendments to certification procedures for vapor recovery systems at GDFs to standardize nozzle spout dimensions (Vapor Recovery Program)
- Outline of the rulemaking process
- Questions/Comments

CARB staff will post an electronic copy of the proposed regulatory language by May 16, 2018, and the workshop presentation by May 22, 2018, on CARB's vapor recovery website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/vapor-recovery>, and on CARB's vehicle evaporative emission website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/evap/evap.htm>.

Contacts

We welcome and encourage your participation in this workshop. If you have questions regarding the regulatory proposal for nozzles, please contact Michelle Wood at (916) 445-3641 or via email at michelle.wood@arb.ca.gov or Lou Dinkler at (916) 324-9487 or via mail at

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Vapor Recovery Program:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=vapor

Advanced Clean Car Program:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=clean_cars

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language assistance may be provided via the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting.

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language.
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

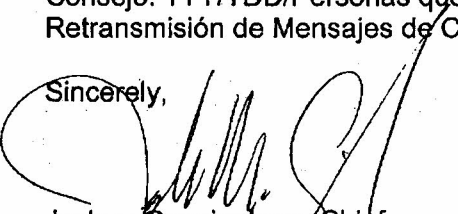
To request these special accommodations or language assistance, please contact Eloy Florez, Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 350-6525 or by facsimile at (626) 459-4480 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia.
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Sincerely,



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