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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CARB'S CRITERIA AND TOXICS REPORTING REGULATION**

This advisory provides owners and operators information about potential state regulations currently being developed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that may have a significant impact on businesses within the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District.

### Background

In 2017, Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) was adopted to develop a new community-focused program to more effectively reduce exposure to air pollution and preserve public health. This bill directs CARB and all local air districts, including the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, to take measures to protect communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution. The key components to the new AB 617 mandate include: community-level air monitoring and emission reduction plans, accelerated review of retrofit air pollution control technologies on industrial facilities subject to Cap-and-Trade, enhanced emission reporting requirements and increased penalty provisions for air quality violations. The emission reporting component of the AB 617 program is the focus of this advisory.

During its December 2018 meeting, CARB adopted the "Regulation for the Reporting of Criteria Air Pollutants and Toxic Air Contaminants", which requires affected businesses located in AB 617 communities to annually report to their local air district and CARB, their emissions from all permitted activities. Simultaneously, CARB directed its staff to consider further refinements to the regulation's applicability. CARB staff responded to that direction, and on March 5, 2019 released proposed regulatory text which is available at:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/criteria-and-toxics-reporting>

### Enhanced Emissions Reporting

In its revised regulation, CARB staff has expanded the scope of applicability and is now proposing that essentially all permitted sources will be subject to enhanced emissions reporting requirements. Compliance with this new reporting mandate is expected to bring significant cost increases to all businesses in California, with small businesses likely to be the most affected. Further, CARB staff is proposing to amend the regulation under an abbreviated "15-day" rulemaking process that may not allow affected businesses to provide comments in time for them to be considered before regulatory changes take effect.

Please note that while the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District supports all efforts to ensure that the health of our communities are protected from the effects of air pollution, including developing tools like emissions reporting to help identify air quality issues, CARB's proposed changes are not sponsored by the district. We are continuing to engage with CARB staff on this important issue and are working with them to ensure that regulations are developed with ample opportunity for affected entities to participate in the rulemaking process, as well as to ensure that those regulations are cost-effective.

Should you wish to learn more about CARB's regulation, please visit CARB's website listed above. If you have questions or wish to submit comments on the proposed regulation, please contact CARB staff at [ctr-report@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ctr-report@arb.ca.gov) or Patrick Gaffney at 916-322-7303.

**Public Workshops**

CARB has held, or will be holding, public workshops to discuss the modified applicability requirements and proposed changes. The remaining workshops are listed below. You are invited to attend and participate in these workshops, and encouraged to share your comments. No pre-registration is required to attend any of these workshops.

**San Diego**

Monday, March 11, 2019  
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
County Operations Center, Room 124 5500 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Los Angeles**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Ronald Regan State Building Auditorium  
300 S. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

**San Joaquin Valley \* \***

Thursday, March 14, 2019  
1:30 to 3:30 PM  
San Joaquin Valley APCD Offices Board Meeting Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726

\*\*This workshop will include a video conference to the SJU Air District regional offices: Northern Region Office  
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356 Southern Region Office  
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Should you have any questions pertaining to this advisory, do not hesitate to contact our engineering section via phone 661-723-8070 ext. 22 or email at [bbanks@avaqmd.ca.gov](mailto:bbanks@avaqmd.ca.gov)

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