

To: All Interested Parties Mail-Out # MSC 20-10

Date: September 14, 2020

Subject: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATION TO ACCELERATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF ZERO-EMISSION FORKLIFTS

California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to begin discussion of a regulatory measure to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission forklifts. This measure furthers CARB's overall effort to increase the adoption of zero-emission technology in the mobile source sector. At this workshop, staff will be soliciting input from stakeholders on regulatory scope and approaches to accelerate the transition of diesel and large-spark ignition forklifts to zero-emission technology.

CARB is following directives from the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20 as well as the California Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding public gatherings. As a result, the public workshop will be a remote meeting only, held via a webinar. There will be no physical public access location.

Webinar Information

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm. to 4:00 p.m. (PDT)

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8653694581347419407>

Interested parties must register to participate. The workshop agenda, webinar participation details, and an electronic copy of the staff presentation will be posted before the workshop on the zero-emission forklifts website: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/zero-emission-forklifts>.

The workshop will consist of a presentation by staff followed by a question and answer session. Please note that the workshop may end prior to the specified end time if all questions and comments are addressed prior to the webinar end time.

Background

Mobile sources, including off-road equipment and the fossil fuels that power them, are the largest contributors to the formation of ozone, PM_{2.5}, diesel particulate matter, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. Promoting the development and use of

zero-emission forklifts will help CARB achieve the emission reduction goals outlined in the Mobile Source Strategy, State Implementation Plan, and the Sustainable Freight Action Plan.

Forklifts are widely used in freight handling, manufacturing, and construction operations. In many applications, zero-emission forklifts have already gained appreciable customer acceptance and market penetration. However, there remains significant opportunity for progress in the deployment of zero-emission forklifts. The intent of this effort is to advance the near-term deployment of additional zero-emission forklifts in applications that are well-suited to their use. The measure would complement existing programs to achieve oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and GHG emission reductions through the use of zero-emission technology. In addition, staff believes the measure would serve as a catalyst to further the adoption of zero-emission equipment in the off-road sector by improving market awareness and acceptance, and facilitating the transfer of technology to suitable heavier duty-cycle applications.

Contact

We welcome and encourage the public's participation in this process. For questions regarding the workshop or the proposed zero-emission forklift measure, please contact Ms. Lori Berard, Air Pollution Specialist, by email at zeforklifts@arb.ca.gov.

CARB staff will use the Zero-Emission Forklift e-mail list to notify stakeholders of updates to this measure development and proposal and of opportunities for public input throughout the process. To sign up for the Zero-Emission Forklift e-mail list, please visit:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=zeforklifts.

Special Accommodations

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Angie Polanco at angie.polanco@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event.

Sincerely,

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