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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Air Resources Board
Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel

Public Meeting to Consider the Multimedia Evaluations of Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel and the Air Resources Board's Proposed Alternative Diesel Fuel Regulation

The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) will convene a public meeting of the California Environmental Policy Council (CEPC) at the time and place indicated below to consider the multimedia evaluations of biodiesel and renewable diesel and the related Alternative Diesel Fuel (ADF) regulation that the Air Resources Board (ARB) will consider adopting. The meeting constitutes the CEPC's review of the multimedia evaluations associated with the use of biodiesel and renewable diesel fuel in California under California Health and Safety Code section 43830.8 (section 43830.8). The date, time, and location of the public meeting are:

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
2nd Floor – Byron Sher Auditorium
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building
1001 “I” Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, California

PURPOSE OF MEETING

At the public meeting, the CEPC will consider the Multimedia Working Group (MMWG) staff reports, entitled *Staff Report: Multimedia Evaluation of Biodiesel* and *Staff Report: Multimedia Evaluation of Renewable Diesel*; the proposed ADF regulation to be considered later by ARB; and comments from interested parties. The MMWG will provide a presentation to the CEPC and will summarize the findings in the staff reports. The CEPC expects to determine whether the use of renewable diesel and the use of biodiesel as contemplated by the proposed ADF regulation will have a significant adverse impact on public health or the environment within the meaning of section 43830.8, as well as any other determinations or recommendations required under that section. The agenda for the meeting is attached to this notice.

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The CEPC consists of the Secretary for Environmental Protection (chair), Chairman of the ARB, Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), Director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), Chairman of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Director of the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The CEPC was originally established by the Environmental Protection Permit Reform Act of 1993 to designate a consolidated permit agency for applicants for environmental permits from multiple environmental agencies. In 1999, the CEPC's functions were expanded to include review of multimedia evaluations of new motor vehicle fuels prior to the adoption of regulations containing specifications for those fuels. ARB may not adopt any regulation that establishes motor vehicle fuel specifications unless a multimedia evaluation conducted by affected agencies and coordinated by the ARB is reviewed by the CEPC. For more information on the CEPC go to: <http://calepa.ca.gov/CEPC/>

MULTIMEDIA EVALUATIONS

Section 43830.8 requires that a multimedia evaluation and peer review be conducted when the ARB proposes a regulation that establishes a specification for a motor vehicle fuel. In accordance with the requirements of section 43830.8(g), Cal/EPA formed the interagency MMWG to oversee fuel multimedia evaluations. The MMWG includes representatives from the ARB, DTSC, OEHHA, SWRCB and Office of the State Fire Marshal. The biodiesel and renewable diesel multimedia evaluations include assessments of potential impacts on air, water, and soil that may result from the production, use, and disposal of the fuels. In the evaluation, ARB staff was responsible for the air quality impact assessment and the overall coordination with the MMWG. SWRCB staff was responsible for the evaluation of surface water and groundwater quality and potential impacts. OEHHA staff was responsible for evaluating potential public health impacts. DTSC staff was responsible for evaluating potential hazardous waste and soil impacts.

Based on the multimedia evaluations, the MMWG prepared separate staff reports for biodiesel and renewable diesel. These reports include comments from peer reviewers and the MMWG's response to those comments, as peer review is a required part of the multimedia evaluation process. The two staff reports that are being reviewed by the CEPC are available on the CEPC's website at: <http://calepa.ca.gov/CEPC/>. Based on the multimedia evaluations, the ARB proposes that the CEPC determine that the proposed ADF regulation will not cause a significant adverse impact on public health or the environment, as provided in section 43830.8.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS TO CEPC

The CEPC will receive public comments on the multimedia evaluation staff reports and the proposed ADF regulation. Written comments directed to the CEPC should be sent by U.S. mail or by email to the addresses listed below. Written comments must be **received by noon on June 22, 2015** to be fully considered by the CEPC. Please include in the subject line of any written communication or email: **Comments for June 23, 2015 CEPC Meeting**. Please submit written comments to the address below:

Secretary Matthew Rodriguez, Chair
Environmental Policy Council
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812
Email: cepc@calepa.ca.gov

In addition, any person may comment at the public meeting at 9 a.m. June 23, 2015. As noted above, CEPC requires that *written* comments be received no later than noon on June 22, 2015 – the day before the CEPC meeting – to allow for full consideration of those comments. Persons who would like to speak at the public meeting are requested to fill out a speaker's card, available at the back of the hearing room, before the meeting. Representatives from CalEPA will preside at the meeting, which is scheduled to adjourn by noon, but may end earlier. The Chair may, at his discretion, limit the length of public oral comments at the meeting.

The reports and other information related to the CEPC's review are available on the CEPC's website at: <http://calepa.ca.gov/CEPC/>. Written comments submitted to the CEPC and a draft resolution for the CEPC's consideration will also be posted on the same web page.

PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the public meeting, please contact Ms. Michelle Hutzel, California Environmental Protection Agency, 1001 I Street, 25th Floor, Sacramento, CA, 95814, telephone number (916) 323-2515, or by email at Michelle.Hutzel@calepa.ca.gov.

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AGENDA

1. Introduction of Council Members, Declaration of a Quorum, and Opening Comments
Secretary Matthew Rodriguez, California Environmental Protection Agency, Chair of the California Environmental Policy Council
2. Multimedia Working Group (MMWG) Presentation of the “Staff Report: Multimedia Evaluation of Biodiesel” and “Staff Report: Multimedia Evaluation of Renewable Diesel”
 - i. Air Resources Board
Jim Aguila, Chief, Project Planning and Management Branch
 - ii. State Water Resources Control Board
Laura Fisher, Chief, Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention Unit
 - iii. Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment
*John Budroe, Chief, Air Toxicology and Risk Assessment Section
Page Painter, Special Science Advisor to the Director*
 - iv. Department of Toxic Substances Control
Donn Diebert, Chief, Implementation Unit
3. Public Comments (may be limited to 3 minutes each at the discretion of the Chair)
4. Council Consideration of a Resolution Regarding Public Health and Environmental Impacts from the Use of Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuel (**Action**)
4. Adjournment

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