Notice of Availability

**Notice of Public Availability of Draft Environmental Analysis Prepared for the Proposed Amendments to the In-Use Locomotive Regulation (Proposed Amendments)**

**Project/Location:** Statewide

**Project Description**: CARB is proposing to reduce in-use emissions of all locomotives – Class 1, Class 3, Military and Industrial, and Passenger – and to encourage adoption of Tier 4 or higher emission technology to meet air quality, climate, and public health protection goals. The proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation is one step in a broader strategy to minimize the health impacts on communities caused by emissions of criteria pollutants by freight vehicles and equipment. The proposed regulation would require locomotive operators to annually report and mitigate their locomotive emissions that are emitted within California on a per locomotive basis, based on MWh of operation, by placing funds into a spending account. Spending account funds would be reserved within a trust controlled by each operator for purchase of locomotives that meets the current cleanest emissions standard, or cleaner near-zero or zero-emission technologies in the demonstration/pilot phases of development. The proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation spending accounts would start between 2023 and 2024, depending on the operator.

**Document Availability:** The public review and comment period starts September 23, 2022 and ends on November 7, 2022. Copies of the Draft Environmental Analysis (EA), the Proposed Project, public notices, and other related documents may be accessed on CARB’s website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2022/locomotive>. Please contact Chris Hopkins, Regulations Coordinator, at Chris.Hopkins@arb.ca.gov or (916) 445-9564 if you need physical copies of the documents. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board’s offices have limited public access. Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (b), upon request to the aforementioned Regulations Coordinator, physical copies would be obtained from the Public Information Office, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Visitors and Environmental Services Center, First Floor, Sacramento, California, 95814. Written comments must be received by 11:59 pm on November 7, 2022 either electronically at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php> or by postal mail at: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street / P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**Public Review Period:** The public comment period is September 23, 2022, to November 7, 2022.

**Project Impacts:** The EA will evaluate the potential for impacts on the environmental resource areas found in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. Potential adverse impacts would be associated with the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses related to the regulation, which may include but are not limited to the introduction of new zero emission and partially zero emissions locomotives; new charging, fueling and electrical infrastructure, and battery second life and water consumption of hydrogen production.

The reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation could potentially adversely or beneficially affect several resource areas, including but not limited to the following, which will be further evaluated in the EA: Aesthetics; Agricultural and Forest Resources; Air Quality and Odors; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Seismicity, and Soils; Greenhouse Gases; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Mineral Resources; Noise; Transportation and Traffic; and Utilities and Service Systems

**Public Hearing:** The Proposed Project and Draft EA will be presented to the Board on September 23, 2022, which will be webcast at: <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>.

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