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February 2009 Highlights and Dates to Remember



SJVAPCD Workshops

See: [http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm#Rule%2022201%20\(New%20and%20Modified%20Stationary%20Source%20Review%20Rule\)](http://www.valleyair.org/Workshops/public_workshops_idx.htm#Rule%2022201%20(New%20and%20Modified%20Stationary%20Source%20Review%20Rule))

Title	Public Meeting of The Climate Change Action Plan Technical Workgroup
Description	The Climate Change Action Plan Technical Workgroup will meet to explore possible options for addressing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during the CEQA process. The District recommends participation in person but a teleconference number is available to facilitate public participation. Please review the public notice for call-in information
Documents	Public Notice , Agenda , Draft Status Report of CEQA GHG Guidance – Level of Significance Subcommittee (February 12, 2009)
Location	In person: Fresno
Date	February 18 , 2009 (Wednesday) GHG/CEQA Guidance Technical Workgroup: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



- **Next Board Meeting will be held on February 26 at 9:00 AM in Sacramento.**

Location: 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Byron Sher Auditorium
Sacramento, California 95814

Agenda: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/ma/2009/ma022609.htm>

This meeting will also be [webcast](#). Contact Lori Andreoni at (916) 322-5594 or landreon@arb.ca.gov

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Department of Toxic Substances Control

[DTSC Strategic Plan for 2008 - 2013](#)

[Final Green Chemistry Report Released](#)



California Environmental Protection Agency
**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

- **Next Regional Board Meeting**
23/ 24 April 2009
Central Valley Regional Water Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Board Meeting Agenda items from February meeting:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/0902/index.shtml



California Environmental Protection Agency
● **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

HOT TOPICS LINK

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/hot_topics/



California Department of Pesticide Regulation

Online Bulletin

http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pressrls/2009/online_bulletins/090217.htm



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Please refer to State Agency websites and information contained in this Highlights document.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPA Revisits California Waiver Decision

Release date: 02/06/2009

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(Washington, D.C. – Feb. 6, 2009) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will reconsider its decision denying California permission to set standards controlling greenhouse gases from motor vehicles.

The waiver request was made by California on December 21, 2005, to allow the state the right to control greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles. The request was denied by then-EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson on March 6, 2008.

On January 26, shortly after taking office, President Barack Obama requested that EPA revisit the matter of the denial.

“EPA has now set in motion an impartial review of the California waiver decision,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. “It is imperative that we get this decision right, and base it on the best available science and a thorough understanding of the law.”

The Clean Air Act gives EPA the authority to allow California to adopt its own emission standards for motor vehicles due to the seriousness of the state’s air pollution challenges. There is a long-standing history of EPA granting waivers to the state of California.

EPA believes that there are significant issues regarding the agency’s denial of the waiver. The denial was a substantial departure from EPA’s longstanding interpretation of the Clean Air Act’s waiver provisions.

EPA received on January 21, 2009, a letter from California outlining several issues for Administrator Jackson to review and reconsider about the previous denial of the waiver. Many other states are interested in adopting California’s standards. Stakeholders and the public have expressed concerns.

EPA will take public comment concerning the reconsideration of the waiver for a period of 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. There will also be a public hearing to be held in March in Washington, D.C.

More information about the California waiver: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/ca-waiver.htm>



Chemical Security

http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/programs/gc_1169501486179.shtm



OSHA FACT BOOK RELEASED

<http://www.osha.gov/as/opa/OSHAfact-book-stohler.pdf>



Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board - Public meeting/public hearing/business meeting - Third Thursday every month

February 18, 2008
Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Auditorium
Oakland, California 94612
10:00 a.m.

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OSHSB/agendaFeb09.html>

Training and Educational Opportunities:

RISK MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS INC.

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

**CalARP/RMP 5-YEAR UPDATE WORKSHOP
STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

On March 5th, 2009, the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources and Risk Management Professionals, Inc. will be hosting a complementary CalARP/RMP 5-Year Update Workshop at the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA - Harvest Hall Rooms D & E from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The intent of this event is to provide technical information and insight to facilities that must comply with these requirements. All workshop attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Receive information and training from agency and safety professionals;
- Gain technical knowledge regarding the Federal EPA's RMP and California's CalARP 5-Year Update Requirements;

- Network with professionals who are experts in their fields; and
- Develop relationships with local agency personnel and neighboring facilities.

For the [CalARP/RMP 5-Year Update Workshop Announcement and Registration Information](#), see the attached document.

Risk Management Professionals will be supporting this event and sharing our technical insight, expertise and regulatory knowledge in managing CalARP/RMP/PSM Programs.

If you need more information or have questions regarding this event and/or Risk Management Professionals, Inc., contact Solveig Saether at (949) 282-0123 ext. 227 or at Solveig.Saether@RMPCorp.com.

We look forward to speaking with you!