



Notice of Staff Workshop: Scoping Workshop for a Natural Gas Off-Road Vehicles Solicitation

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop to gather public comments for the development and demonstration of off-road natural gas vehicle applications. The workshop will take place on:

Monday, February 22, 2016

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Fresno Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA
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Background

The state's most severely polluted regions, the San Joaquin Valley and the South Coast air basins, require extensive deployment of zero- and near-zero-emissions technologies to meet current and future clean air standards. The Energy Commission has funded research to develop advanced natural gas engine technology, primarily targeting on-road heavy-duty vehicles, which contribute a large share of the transportation sector's criteria air and greenhouse gas emissions. In the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley air basins, off-road vehicles are the second and third largest source of NOx emissions,

with on-road heavy-duty vehicles being the largest source.^{1 2} While RD&D efforts have resulted in market availability of on-road natural gas vehicles, there is an opportunity to apply those innovations from developed on-road technologies to off-road vehicle applications.

The Energy Commission is planning on releasing a competitive solicitation in the Fall of 2016. This solicitation will focus on the research, development, integration and demonstration of advanced natural gas engines and engine technologies for off-road vehicles. The scope of this solicitation will be consistent with recommended actions under the Priority Research, Development and Demonstration Actions for Engine Development and Vehicle Integration outlined and described in the Natural Gas Vehicle Research Roadmap (PUB# CEC-500-2008-044-F) and a research initiative in the Energy Commission's "Natural Gas Research, Development, and Demonstration Program Proposed Program Plan and Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2015-2016."

Staff will hold another public workshop on this topic in Long Beach, CA on February 19, 2016. A separate notice will be posted with details for this workshop. Specifications and details for the solicitation will be based on market sector constrictions and feedback from the two public workshops.

Additional information on the California Energy Commission's Natural Gas Research and Development Budget Plan can be found at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2015publications/CEC-500-2015-044/CEC-500-2015-044.pdf>

To view the Natural Gas Vehicle Research Roadmap, visit:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2008publications/CEC-500-2008-044/CEC-500-2008-044-F.PDF>

Purpose

In order to develop a better understanding of off-road vehicle fleets and market needs and deployment barriers, the California Energy Commission will conduct two public scoping workshops; one in the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the other in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The purpose of these workshops is to identify market needs and barriers in the off-road vehicle market that prevent heavy-duty off-road vehicles from reducing emissions. The scoping workshops will provide staff with insight on the current status of the off-road vehicle market as well as further information on the technology needs and market potentials from the public, industry, and subject matter experts.

¹ "Preliminary Draft 2016 Air Quality Management Plan White Paper Off-Road Equipment." South Coast Air Quality Management District. June 2015. <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Agendas/aqmp/white-paper-working-groups/preliminary-draft-off-road-equipment-white-paper---060515.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

² https://www.valleyair.org/General_info/aboutdist.htm

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record.

Written comments: Written comments are highly encouraged. Please include your name and organization name in the email(s) containing your written comment(s). Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as the body of an email or a Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) document. Please indicate, “Natural Gas Off-Road Vehicle Solicitation” in the subject line. Send comments to: Pilar.Magana@energy.ca.gov

Comments submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2016 will be able to be reviewed in advance of the workshop and may be addressed during the event. Additionally, written comments will be accepted after this time and during the workshop; however, staff may not have time to review these comments before the conclusion of the workshop.

Finally, written comments after the workshop are encouraged and we ask that those comments be sent no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2016.

Stakeholders' written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) may become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

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If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at lquiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Pilar Magaña at Pilar.Magana@energy.ca.gov or (916) 327-2216.

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