



Low Carbon Fuel Standard Public Hearing Postponed

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) is postponing the previously scheduled March 21, 2024 public hearing to consider amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) until a later date. **Staff continues to receive substantial feedback on the proposed regulatory package and is postponing the March hearing to enable additional discussion and re-evaluation of the carbon intensity benchmarks, including the proposed step-down and auto-acceleration mechanism, as well as more consideration of the proposed sustainability guardrails, among other topics. Staff plans to host a workshop in mid-April 2024 to discuss potential refinements to the proposed regulatory amendments.** The 45-day public comment period, which began on January 5, 2024, and which is scheduled to close on February 20, 2024, will not be extended. We encourage all interested stakeholders to submit written comments before the February 20, 2024 end of the 45-day comment period in order to inform any potential future refinements to the proposed regulatory amendments.

Background

The Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) is a key part of a comprehensive set of programs in California to cut GHG emissions and other smog-forming and toxic air pollutants by improving vehicle technology, reducing fuel consumption, and increasing transportation mobility options. The LCFS is designed to decrease the carbon intensity of California's transportation fuel pool and provide an increasing range of low-carbon and renewable alternatives, which reduce petroleum dependency and achieve air quality benefits.
