

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

AIR TOXICS HOT SPOTS PROGRAM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND WORKSHOPS ON
DRAFT REFERENCE EXPOSURE LEVELS FOR TRIMETHYLBENZENES (TMB)

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is releasing a document for public review, summarizing the toxicity and derivation of proposed Reference Exposure Levels (RELs) for trimethylbenzenes (TMB). RELs are airborne concentrations of a chemical that are not anticipated to result in adverse non-cancer health effects for specified exposure durations in the general population, including sensitive subpopulations.

OEHHA is required to develop guidelines for conducting health risk assessments under the Air Toxics Hot Spots Program (Health and Safety Code Section 44360(b)(2)). The draft TMB RELs were developed using the most recent "Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Technical Support Document for Derivation of Noncancer Reference Exposure Levels," finalized by OEHHA in 2008.

The draft TMB RELs document is available starting today on the OEHHA website at <http://www.oehha.ca.gov>. **The posting of the document will commence a 45-day public review period that will end on March 13, 2023.** Public workshops will be held in Northern and Southern California at the following locations and times.

Northern California

March 02, 2023

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

George Alexeeff Environmental
Health Library

1515 Clay St., 16th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Southern California

(To be determined)

After the close of the public comment period, the document will be revised as appropriate by OEHHA, and peer reviewed by the state's Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants.

The public is encouraged to submit written information via OEHHA's website, rather than in paper form. Comments may be submitted electronically through the following link: <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments>.

Hard-copy comments may be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to the address below:

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Information about dates and agenda for meetings of the Scientific Review Panel can be obtained from the California Air Resources Board website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/srp/srp.htm>.