

Clean Air Excellence Awards



Congratulations to all the winners of the 12th Annual Clean Air Excellence Awards.

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program, established at the recommendation of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, periodically recognizes and honors outstanding innovative efforts to help make progress in achieving cleaner air.

Award-winning entries must directly or indirectly reduce pollutant emissions, demonstrate innovation, offer

sustainable outcomes, and provide a model for others to follow.

Announcements

- EPA is accepting applications for the 2014 Clean Air Excellence Awards
- EPA Announces 12th Annual Clean Air Excellence Awards Press Release
- View the Current and Past Award Recipients

Award Categories

There are five categories in which a program, project, or technology may be entered:

- Clean Air Technology
- Community Action
- Education/Outreach
- Regulatory/Policy Innovations
- Transportation Efficiency Innovations

In addition to the five award categories described above, the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program will annually recognize two special award categories:

- Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award
- Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award

Note that candidates for the Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award must be nominated by a third party.

Selection Process

EPA staff will conduct an initial screening of all applications received, and will consult with outside experts to the extent necessary. A special CAAAC workgroup will provide advice to EPA on the award entries. The EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation will make the final award determinations.

General Criteria

Entries will be judged based on both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. The following general criteria will be used in assessing each entry:

- The entry directly or indirectly (i.e., by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, and/or greenhouse gases.
- The entry is innovative and unique.
- The entry provides a model for others to follow (i.e., it is replicable).
- The entry's positive outcomes are continuing/sustainable.

Although not required to win an award, the following general criteria will also be considered in the judging process:

- The entry has positive effects on environmental media other than air.
- The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships.
- The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, or technology.

Award recipients will be recognized by the U.S. EPA at a special awards ceremony held in Washington, DC, in 2014 (date to be determined). Awards are honorary and do not include monetary recognition.

If you have any questions about the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program, please contact Jeneva Craig of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation at (202) 564-1674, or craig.jeneva@epa.gov.

<http://www.epa.gov/air/cleanairawards/index.html>

NEWS RELEASE

California Air Resources Board now accepting applications for CoolCalifornia Small Business Awards Program

ARB to recognize green business efforts, sustainable practices

SACRAMENTO - The California Air Resources Board is accepting applications now through Nov. 1 for its fourth CoolCalifornia Small Business Awards Program which recognizes small businesses that integrate environmental stewardship and sustainability into their business practices.

California small businesses that reduce energy use, conserve water and minimize their greenhouse gas emissions are demonstrating climate leadership and can compete for a CoolCalifornia Small Business Award.

"Whether they are law offices, restaurants or manufacturers, small businesses across the state are taking actions to save money while reducing their environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions," ARB Chairman Mary D. Nichols said. "These small business leaders are demonstrating that making smart climate-friendly choices is good for the environment and for their bottom line."

Small businesses that meet the requirements can apply online for an award between Aug. 12, 2013, and Nov. 1, 2013, at: <http://www.coolcalifornia.org/article/small-business-awards-program>. Winners will be recognized by ARB in a statewide press release, at a public ceremony in Sacramento in February 2014 and profiled on the CoolCalifornia.org website.

Awards will be given to small businesses in two categories:

- **CoolCalifornia Small Business of the Year Award:** Awarded to small businesses that have taken significant actions in 2012-2013 to reduce their climate impacts, demonstrated measurable greenhouse gas reductions and documented benefits from the actions they have taken (e.g., cost savings, return on investment, etc.) by using tools such as the CoolCalifornia small business carbon calculator.
- **CoolCalifornia Climate Leader Award:** Awarded to small businesses that were proactive in reducing their environmental impacts and can describe in detail the specific actions taken in 2012-2013 to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Last year ARB recognized 16 small businesses that took a variety of actions to save money while reducing their environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions. These included installing compact fluorescent lights and energy efficient equipment or solar panels; supporting carpooling, bicycling and alternative fuel vehicles; purchasing environmentally-friendly cleaning products and low volatile organic compound paints and carpet, and incentivizing climate-friendly behavior. For information on past winners, see <http://www.coolcalifornia.org/article/small-business-awards-program>.

ARB's mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy. The ARB oversees all air pollution control efforts in California to attain and maintain health based air quality standards.

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/newsrelease.php?id=481>

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Board Member List, Photos, and Bios

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The following is a list of the current members of the California Air Resources Board. Click on the pictures or name to read a brief biography for each of the members.



Mary D. Nichols
Chairman



Daniel Sperling
Automotive Related Member



Phil Serna
Sacramento Region Air District



John Eisenhut
Agriculture Member



Mrs. Barbara Riordan
Mojave Desert AQMD Member



John R. Balmes, M.D.
Physician Member



Hector De La Torre
Public Member



Sandra Berg
Public Member



Ron Roberts
San Diego APCD Member



Alexander Sherriffs, M.D.
San Joaquin Valley APCD Member



John Gioia
Bay Area AQMD Member



Judy Mitchell
South Coast AQMD Member

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/members.htm>

AB 32 Scoping Plan

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In 2006, AB 32 required the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) to develop a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) to achieve the goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The Scoping Plan was first approved by the Board in 2008 and must be updated every five years to evaluate the mix of AB 32 policies to ensure that California is on track to achieve the 2020 GHG reduction goal. In early 2013, ARB will initiate activities to update the AB 32 Scoping Plan.

2013 Update to AB 32 Scoping Plan

The 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan update will define ARB's climate change priorities for the next five years and lay the groundwork to reach post-2020 goals set forth in Executive Orders S-3-05 and B-16-2012. The update will highlight California's progress toward meeting the "near-term" 2020 GHG emission reduction goals defined in the [original Scoping Plan \(2008\)](#). It will also evaluate how to align the State's longer-term GHG reduction strategies with other State policy priorities, such as for water, waste, natural resources, clean energy and transportation, and land use.



To address the State's near-term and longer-term GHG goals, the update will have both a 2020 element and the post-2020 element. The 2020 element will focus on State, regional, and local initiatives that are being implemented now to assist us in meeting the 2020 goal. The post-2020 element will provide a high level view of a long-term strategy for meeting the 2050 GHG goals.

What are the key focus areas for the update?

ARB plans to focus on six key topics areas for the post-2020 element. These include: 1) transportation, fuels, and infrastructure; 2) energy generation, transmission, and efficiency; 3) waste; 4) water; 5) agriculture; and 6) natural resources.

What activities are planned for 2013?

A [Kick-off workshop](#) is planned for Sacramento on June 13th. Additional [regional workshops](#) are planned for June 26th in Diamond Bar; July 18th in Fresno; and July 30th in the Bay Area. Details will follow shortly. In mid-August 2013, ARB expects to release a preliminary draft of the 2013 update to the AB 32 Scoping Plan report for public review and comment. In November 2013, ARB expects to bring an updated Scoping Plan document to the Board for consideration.

- [Written Public Comments](#) (Note: Written public comments will be accepted from 10:00 am on June 13, 2013 through **5:00 pm on August 5, 2013.**) **New!**
- Sign up for the climate change listserv to receive updates about the 2013 Scoping Plan. http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=cc



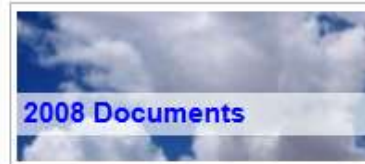
- [Submit Written Public Comments](#) **New!**
- [AB 32 Update \(December 2012\)](#)
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- June 13: Sacramento (Kickoff Workshop)
- June 26: Diamond Bar (Regional Workshop)
- July 18: Fresno (Regional Workshop)
- July 30: Bay Area (Regional Workshop)
- Mid-August 2013: Draft Report
- November 2013: Board Meeting

[Timeline](#)



What is the status of AB 32 implementation?

Since 2006, ARB has been implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). Many of the GHG reduction measures (e.g. low carbon fuel standard, advanced clean car standards, [cap-and-trade](#)) have been adopted over the last five years and implementation activities have already begun. California is getting real reductions to put us on track for reducing GHGs to achieve the AB 32 goal of getting back to 1990 levels by 2020.

Background

The original AB 32 Scoping Plan (2008) contains the main strategies California will use to reduce the greenhouse gases (GHG) that cause climate change. The original Scoping Plan has a range of GHG reduction actions which include [direct regulations](#), alternative compliance mechanisms, monetary and non-monetary incentives, [voluntary actions](#), market-based mechanisms such as a [cap-and-trade](#) system, and an [AB 32 program implementation regulation](#) to fund the program. These measures have been introduced through four [workshops](#) between November 30, 2007 and April 17, 2008. A draft scoping plan was released for public review and comment on June 26, 2008 followed by more workshops in July and August, 2008. The [proposed scoping plan](#) was released on October 15, 2008 and [approved](#) at the Board hearing on December 12, 2008. In August 2011, the Scoping Plan was [re-approved](#) by the Board, and includes the [Final Supplement to the Scoping Plan Functional Equivalent Document \(FED\)](#).

Chairman Nichols on AB 32 Scoping Plan

