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Re: Comments CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Draft Document

Dear Sophia Mitchell,

1. The California Air Resources Board has created 14 planning elements for low-cost sensor deployment. We believe that low-cost sensor data such as PM10, PM2.5 and diesel PM should be included in the Calenviroscreen 4.0.
2. There needs to be additional data cross border pollution in the California-Mexico border. Without this data, California does not recognize the burden of pollution which sources are also due to international trade, environment and interconnected economies.
3. There are insufficient data points from the drinking water sources in the Imperial Valley. Water users include direct canal water users, many of whom have inadequate point of entry or point of use filtration systems.
4. The Calenviroscreen 4.0 once again ignores the Imperial Valleys daytime population. This underrepresentation creates a disadvantage when informing critical state programs and funding allocations.
5. We appreciate the emphasis placed on collecting additional data from sources that become cross border pollution, however there should be some modeling to determine approximates of cross border data pollution in the absence of data. Having no data, limited data or data capture for future maintains Imperial County in a disadvantage.
6. Additional to numeric data to determine a community's percentile, there must be data collection by perception. Community feedback and community insights are the most relevant piece of information to determine the needs that are perceived by the community. Perhaps identifying discrepancies between the numeric data and what is really happening in the community.
7. It is clear there was an effort to capture more cross border pollution that originates in Mexico, however it still falls short in the Imperial Valley in comparison to what is being done in San Diego. Imperial Valley has limited resources and required more equitable support in data collection.
8. The absence of data, misrepresent the communities of Imperial County, such as the north-end cities like Niland and the border communities of Calexico.

The CalEnviroScreen makes many extraordinary advances, we commend CALEPA-OEHHA's efforts in their continued improvement of this valuable tool that helps inform critical state programs and investments.

Sincerely,

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