

**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 1,4-DICHLOROBENZENE**

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is releasing a draft document for public review that summarizes the toxicity and derivation of proposed Reference Exposure Levels (RELs) for 1,4-Dichlorobenzene. 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 1,4-Dichlorobenzene 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 1,4-Dichlorobenzene RELs document is available 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 January 13, 2025.**

Public workshops will be held in Northern and Southern California at the following locations and times.

Northern California

December 16, 2024
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Sierra Hearing Room
Cal EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

<https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

Southern California

To Be Determined

After the close of the public comment period, January 13, 2025, 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 attend a public workshop, or submit written comments via OEHHA's website, rather than in hard-copy paper form. Comments may be submitted electronically through the following link: <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments>.

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

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OEHHA encourages all submissions to be in a format compliant with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (see [the World Wide Web Consortium \[W3C\] WCAG 2 Overview](#)), and California Government Code sections 7405 and 11135, so that they can be read using screen reader technology.

OEHHA is subject to the California Public Records Act and other laws that require the release of certain information upon request. If you provide a public comment, please be aware that your name, address and e-mail may be available to third parties.

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>.

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