

Comment Letter #34

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Subject: Comments on Draft 2022 AQMP

I am submitting comments on the Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan. My objections are to the proposed regulatory approach for residential NOx emissions contained in R-CMB-01, R-CMB-02, R-CMB-03, and R-CMB-04. I find it unacceptable to force residences to stop using natural gas appliances/devices and switch entirely to electrical devices.

Unfortunately, as you must know, but are ignoring, California's power supplies are getting less reliable each year. The idealistic move to legislated dependence on "renewable" sources is resulting in supplies that cannot meet demand. Power outages are becoming more frequent as climate change forces more need for air conditioning, wildfire dangers force preventative outages, and phaseouts of natural gas fueled power generation create shortages of peak production. To make things worse, it appears we will lose 8% on the state's power production via the closure of Diablo Canyon.

Natural gas residential devices provide reliable service when the electric grid fails to meet demand. Since this is also earthquake country, I want the diversification provided by natural gas when the inevitable earthquake takes out our power, but may well spare our gas lines (and I have invested in portable electric generators to also provide service to my gas appliances during a power outage).

It's ridiculous for you to put the squeeze on such a small portion of our total NOx emissions, when it is the federal standards and the federal regulatory approach that prevent you from addressing the large mobile sources that could really make a difference. You must know that such a fruitless bureaucratic approach will make you lose credibility with the public.

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