

To SCAP Air Quality committee Members

The following announcement from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment contains information regarding an upcoming public meeting and webcast to discuss Cal/EPA's new Draft Environmental Health Screening Tool for Public Input – the Draft tool is intended to assess cumulative impacts of pollution in California communities and will identify EJ communities that are doubly impacted by environmental and socioeconomic stressors.

They will have a webcast to roll out their draft tool to rank communities across the state according to their combined socioeconomic burden and environmental vulnerabilities. This tool will guide regulators to those areas where the combined stressors are the greatest. Though there are no recommendations yet for how the tool is to be used, it could have applications in CEQA in establishing the project's environmental setting or weighing project alternatives. Local and regional governments, including regional air districts, water boards, and planning and transit agencies, may also use this tool to prioritize its enforcement efforts to "alleviate stresses on the state's most impacted communities."

Comments on the draft tool are due September 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a webcast August 7<sup>th</sup> of the workgroup, followed by regional workshops in Los Angeles (8/21), San Bernardino (8/22) and San Diego (8/23).

Should you need further information as to the effect this tool will have on your agency's community, please feel free to contact air committee member Patrick Griffith.

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## **Draft California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool**

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will convene a public meeting related to the Agency's Cumulative Impacts and Precautionary Approaches (CI/PA) project on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in Sierra Hearing Room of the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building at 1001 I Street in Sacramento.

The agenda for the meeting is available [here](#). Any person wishing to receive a hard copy of the agenda by U.S. mail may contact Jocelyn Suero at 1515 Clay St., Suite 1600, Oakland, CA 94612; [jocelyn.suero@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:jocelyn.suero@oehha.ca.gov); or (510) 622 3190.

Materials available:

- **Memorandum to the Cumulative Impacts and Precautionary Work Group on the Draft California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool**
  - [English language version](#)
  - [Spanish language version](#)
- **Draft California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen) (Public Review Draft)**
  - [English language version](#)
  - [Spanish language version](#)
- [Press Release from Cal/EPA](#) (Cal/EPA Releases Draft Environmental Health Screening Tool for Public Input - Draft tool to assess cumulative impacts of pollution in California communities)

Slide presentations, agendas, and related materials from earlier CI/PA Work Group meetings are available on-line at the following URL on the OEHHA website:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/ej>.

Directions: Detailed information on how to get to the meeting facility can be found at <http://calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

A webcast of the meeting may be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast>. Comments may be submitted during the meeting to the following e-mail address: [sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov).

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