Insights from California's Mandatory GHG
Emissions Reporting Program: Fuel Suppliers
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## California "ETS"

## Mandatory GHG Reporting

- Regulation for Mandatory Reporting of GHG Emissions (MRR)
- California electronic GHG emissions Reporting Tool (Cal e-GGRT)
- Staff: Reporting, Verification


## Cap-and-Trade

- Cap and Trade Regulation (C\&T)
- Compliance Instrument Tracking System Service (CITSS)
- Staff: Market Monitoring, Allocations, Offsets

Emissions and Product Data for Covered Entities

## Timeline

MRR reporting begins. (Fuel suppliers not included)
2009 (RY2008)

| Online | C\&T scheduled |  |
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| reporting in Cal | to begin | C\&T officially |
| e-GGRT begins. | (practice year) | begins |
| 2012 (RY2011) | 2013 (RY2012) | 2014 (RY2013) |


|  | 2012 (RY2011) <br> Fuel suppliers subject <br> to MRR reporting and <br> verification | 2013-2014 <br> Heavily <br> enforce fuel <br> 2012-2012 | suppliers |
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| Fubject to C\&T |  |  |  |

Outreach to fuel suppliers with letters, presentations at industry conferences, CARB workshops.

Extra efforts to reach small businesses.

## What is challenging about Fuel Suppliers?

| Implementation Questions | Level of <br> Complexity |
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| How should emissions be calculated? | Simple |
| How can we ensure data used to calculate emissions is <br> accurate? | Simple |
| Who should report? | Complex |
| Which emissions is the regulated entity responsible for <br> reporting? | Complex |

## Point of Regulation

1. Captures the majority of emissions, but only those emitted within the boundary of interest
2. Ideally, comparable or complementary to the POR of other reliable data sources so can cross-check data
3. Clear and not overly burdensome (i.e., is complying simple?)
4. Avoids double counting
5. Is verifiable
6. Is enforceable

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## Case Study: Transportation Fuels



Importer A sells ethanol in bulk to Company B.
Delivered to terminal.

Refiner A sells CARBOB in bulk to Company B


Company B
delivers finished fuel across the
terminal rack to Company C for distribution

Company C
distributes fuel to
retailers.

## Transportation Fuel Suppliers

[MRR, Section 95121]

| POR | Which emissions can be excluded? |
| :--- | :--- |
| Position holder at CA terminal supplying fuel <br> across the rack | - Fuel with a final destination outside of <br> California* |
| Refiners supplying fuel across the rack | Fused exclusively for marine or aviation <br> uses |
| Fossil fuel previously delivered by position <br> holder or refiner across an upstream rack |  |
| Enterer of fossil fuels (incl. blended products) <br> that distribute outside of the bulk system |  |

## Double Counting Across Entity Types

## Reported Emissions

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Fuel
Suppliers
- Combusted natural gas
- Combusted gasoline, distillate, LPG
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## Facilities

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## Case Study: Natural Gas Covered Emissions

- Facility bears compliance obligation for combusted natural gas
- Staff calculate Natural Gas Supplier (NGS) covered emissions to exclude emissions from gas sent to covered facilities
- Additional data needed

Facility A Natural gas purchase data
Supplier B Delivery Data

| Supplier Name | Amount purchased <br> (MMBTU) | Facility Name | Amount delivered <br> (MMBTU) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NGS B | 104,000 | Facility A | 105,000 |

- Valuable QA (identify new reporters + QA facility data)


## More Fuel for Thought

- New biogenic fuels from coprocessing, biorefining
- How to incorporate new fuel types in reg, set emission factors, determine biogenic content, should we consider life cycle impacts for exemption eligibility
- Additionality and resource shuffling considerations for biomethane
- Fluid company structure and holdings
- How to define entity for MRV and compliance obligations?
- What are appropriate C\&T exit requirements when assets are easily bought and sold?
- Alignment with other programs?

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## Resources

- MRR Program
- Website
- Regulation
- Guidance for Suppliers of Transportation Fuels and Natural Gas Fuels
- Verification
- Contacts
- C\&T Program website


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