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Federal: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S.EPA)



- Oversight of State programs
- •Regulation of interstate sources (49 state cars, trains, interstate trucks, aircraft, marine vessels)

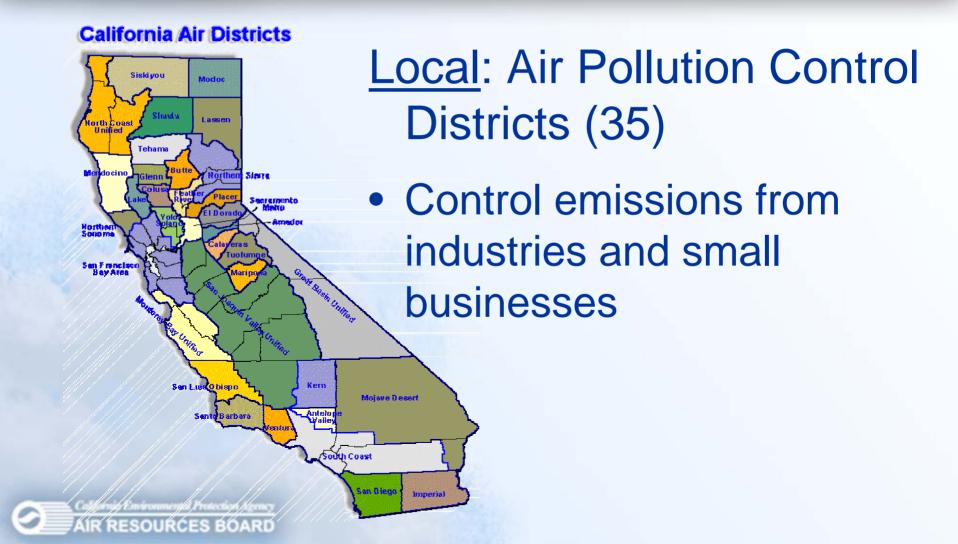
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ARB's Legal Responsibilities

- Ensure clean air standards are met
- Reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants (air toxics)
- Reduce greenhouse gases

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Definition of a Toxic Air Contaminant

"...an air pollutant which may cause or contribute to an increase in mortality or in serious illness, or which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health."

HSC Section 39655



California's Air Toxics Program

Two Step Process:

Identification Phase

Control Phase



California's Toxic Air Contaminants List

- Over 200 toxic air contaminants have been identified
- ARB formally identified 22 toxic air contaminants
- 189 federal Hazardous Air Pollutants were added to the toxic air contaminants list in 1992
- Examples: Lead, Cadmium, and Mercury are identified TACs.

