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Bay Area Air District statement on Trump's rollback of policies limiting harmful greenhouse gas emissions

SAN FRANCISCO – Statement by Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, on President Donald Trump's executive order that rolls back policies to curb greenhouse gas emissions:

"President Trump signed an executive order today that rescinds climate regulations in the name of job creation. This is a false premise - they are not mutually exclusive. California and the Bay Area are shining examples of how climate, air quality and public health regulations can coexist with a thriving economy. The progression from polluting fossil fuels to cleaner, renewable fuels has been propelled by policies, innovation and market-driven forces. It is universally understood in the scientific community that fossil fuels not only contribute to climate change, but to choking air pollution and related health impacts. We have come too far to move backwards.

The Bay Area leads the nation in innovative, effective climate initiatives and that will continue, even in the absence of science-based policies at the national level. We recently released our vision to improve Bay Area air quality and reduce climate impacts, our clean air plan and regional climate strategy - Spare the Air, Cool the Climate. Through this ambitious plan, we will tackle climate change head-on - Bay Area residents expect nothing less.

Time will show that the president's policies are on the wrong side of history, the wrong side of the facts and do not represent the best interests of the people."

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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