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Bay Area Air District statement on Trump Administration's release of the SAFE Vehicles Rule

SAN FRANCISCO – Statement by Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District:

"The Trump administration's release of the SAFE Vehicles Rule in the midst of a national crisis shows a lack of transparency, compassion and common sense. The rule falls well short of the air quality safeguards necessary to protect public health and reduce harmful emissions driving climate change. Placing less-efficient vehicles on our roadways and increasing fuel consumption jeopardizes hard-earned air quality and health progress made over decades - rolling back emissions standards will have real and devastating consequences for California and the Bay Area. Taking advantage of this worldwide emergency to slip this bad policy under the radar while government at all levels is engulfed in the COVID-19 crisis is unconscionable. The Air District will challenge the SAFE Vehicles Rule and will never waiver in our fight to defend our clean car standards and protect the quality of life of all Bay Area residents."

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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