

# Assembly Bill (AB) 32 and Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)

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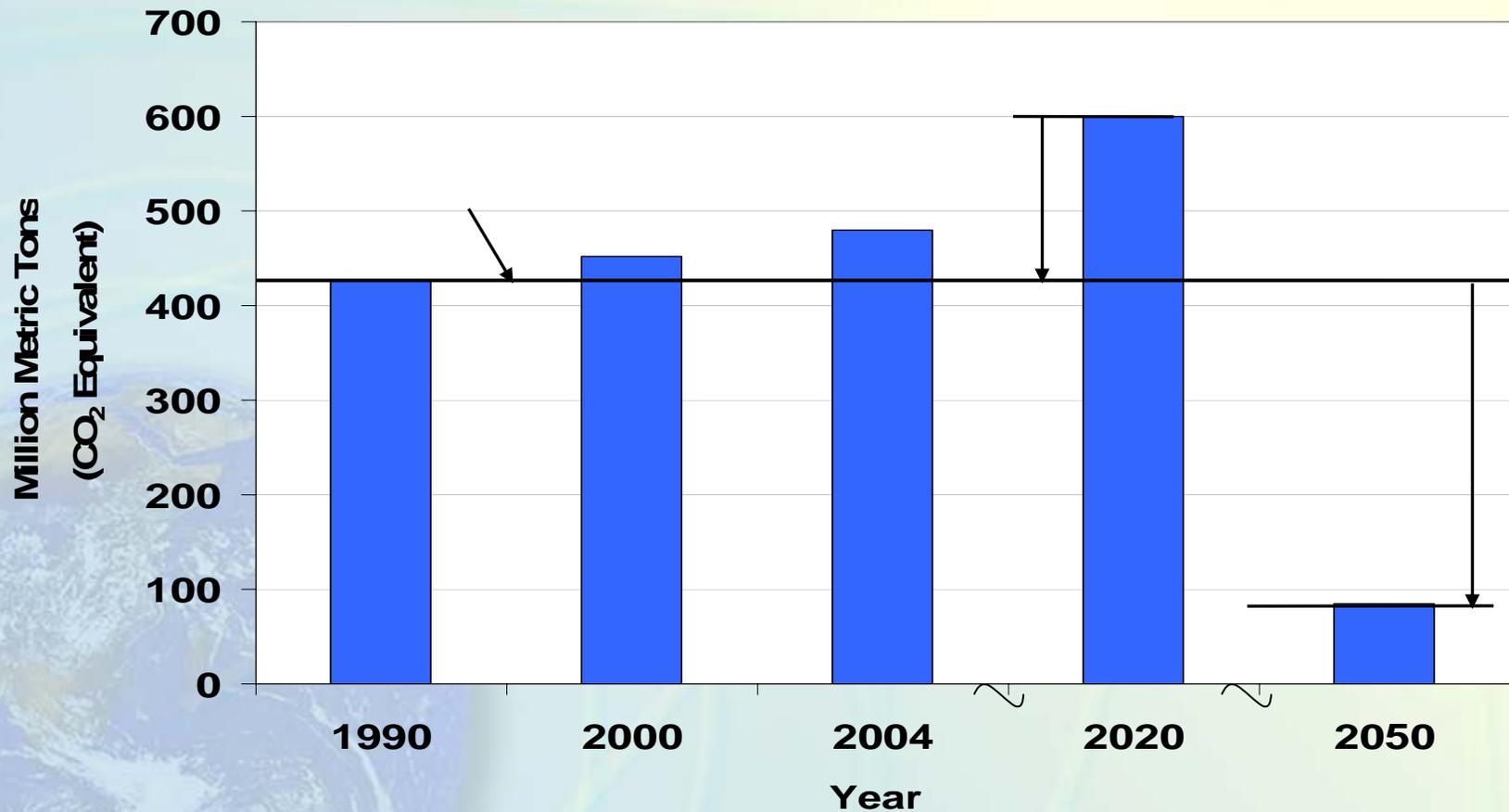
# What Is AB 32?

- “Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006”: State law outlining the main plan to reduce GHGs in CA
- Requires a return to 1990 GHG levels by 2020
  - Acknowledges that 2020 is not the endpoint
- Tasks ARB with monitoring/regulating GHG sources
- ARB is the lead agency, but extensive collaboration with state, local agencies, industry, environmental, NGO’s, and the general public
- Required a Scoping Plan be adopted by 1/1/09

# Ultimate GHG Goals of AB 32

- Generate Co-benefits - additional reductions in criteria pollutants, toxic emissions, smog, threats to public health
- Ensure activities do not interfere with ambient air quality standards or toxic air contaminant emissions
- Generate economic benefits - improved efficiency, reduce and diversify energy/fuel use, green technology, and business development
- Provide a vision for a low carbon future - 2050

# Magnitude of the Challenge



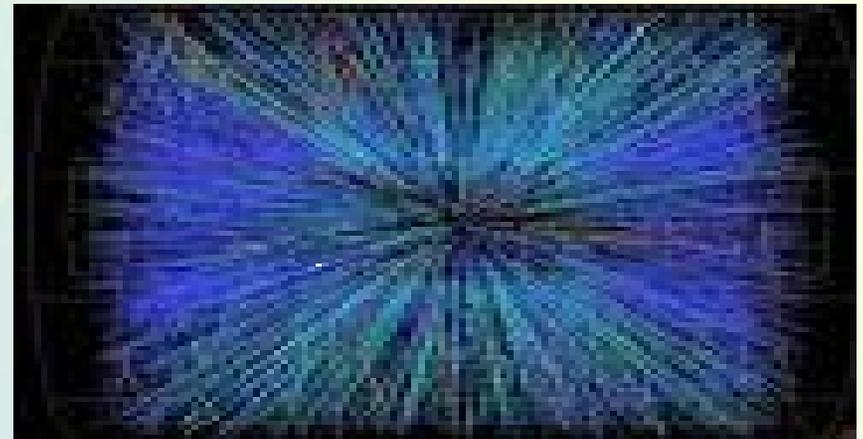
# Scoping Plan

- Describes how California will reduce GHG emission levels to 1990 levels by 2020
- Identifies measures to achieve GHG reductions
- Defines roles of individual sectors, State government and local government
- Balances Early Actions, CAT efforts, voluntary reductions, regulations, market role
- Evaluates economic and public health impacts

# Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) Emission Reduction Measure



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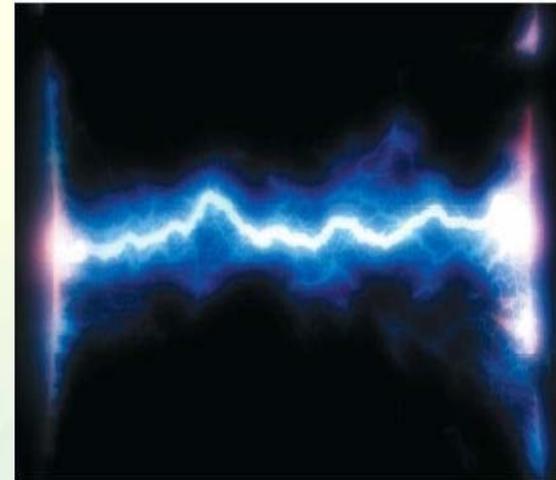
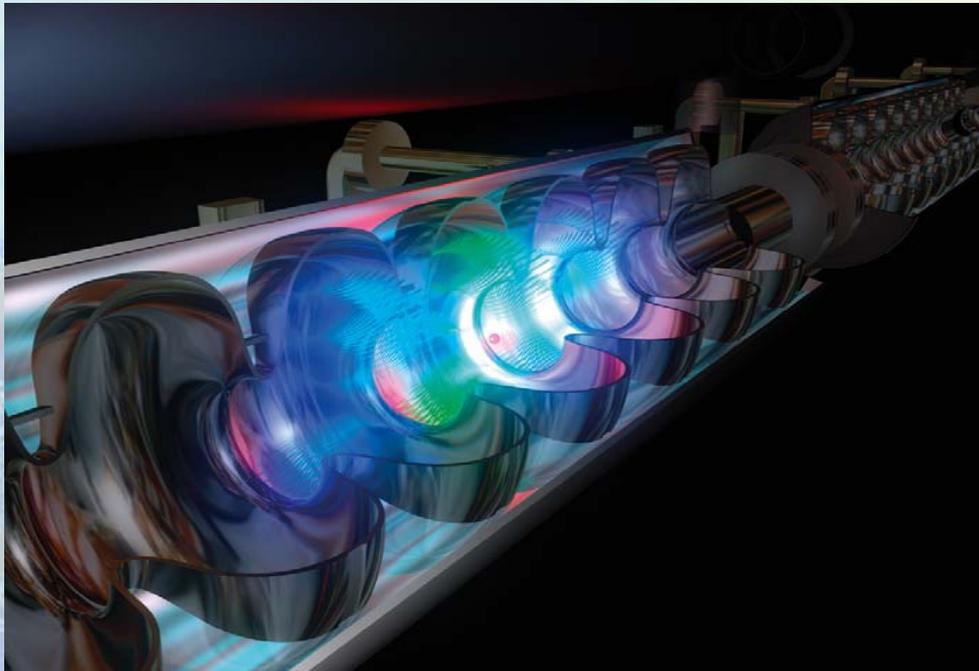


# BACKGROUND/SCOPE

- **SF<sub>6</sub> has the highest global warming potential of all of the greenhouse gases**
- **The measure will reduce SF<sub>6</sub> emissions from**
  - ❖ **The Electricity Sector**
  - ❖ **Particle Accelerators**

# SECTOR USES

- The electricity sector uses  $\text{SF}_6$  as an insulator and arc quencher

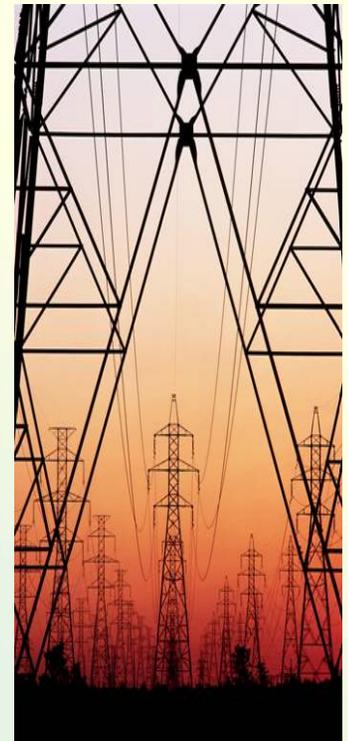
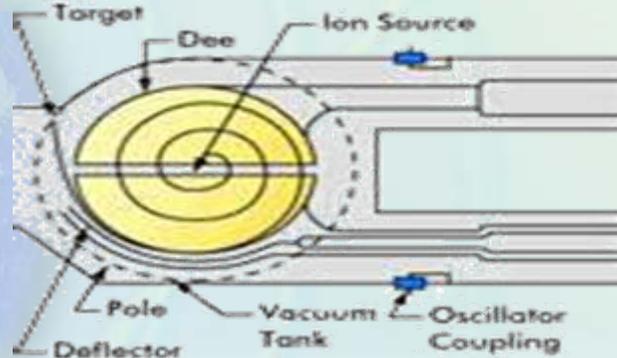


Particle accelerator  
uses are similar

# APPLICATION

## ■ Affected Entities

- Investor and publically owned utilities
- Merchant electricity generators
  - DG and CHP Operators
- Community choice aggregators
- California's particle accelerator operators



# SF6 TIMELINE

<b>Evaluate Survey Responses</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Draft Regulatory Concepts</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Hold Second Workgroup Meeting</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>Draft Regulatory Language</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>Hold Public Workshop</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Present Proposed Regulation to the Board</b>	<b>December</b>

# Related Links

- ARB Climate Change Web Site (All things climate change) <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>
- ARB Energy Related Programs-SF<sub>6</sub> (SF<sub>6</sub> for the electricity sector/particle accelerators)  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/energy/sf6elec/sf6elec.htm>
- High Global Warming Potential Sector (SF<sub>6</sub> reductions for the non-electricity sector)  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sf6nonelec/sf6nonelec.htm>
- Fluorinated Compounds and Semiconductors (Stationary Equipment Refrigerant Management Program)  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reftrack/reftrack.htm>

# Thank You and Contact Information

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