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June 25, 2013

Robert Kard

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Dear Mr. Kard:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has recently concluded a program review of San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) implementation of State-sponsored incentive programs, including the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program), and the Lower-Emission School Bus Program funded by Proposition 1B funds (Proposition 1B School Bus Program). The scope of these reviews includes grants made in fiscal years 2007-08 through 2010-11.

During the period of time covered by this program review, the District administered over \$41.7 million in State grants and matching funds to reduce emissions through the purchase of:

- 132 engine replacements and/or retrofits through the Carl Moyer Program,
- 228 engine replacements and 80 retrofits in the Goods Movement Program,
- 17 new school buses and 228 retrofits of diesel school buses through the Proposition 1B School Bus Programs,
- 10 retrofits of diesel school buses through Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funding, and
- 1544 new zero-emission lawn mowers in AQIP.

ARB's program review report is enclosed. Our review confirms that the District's incentive programs are efficiently and effectively achieving their emission reduction objectives. The finding in the enclosed report involved a shortfall of funds expended by the June 30, 2011 deadline. However, it is my understanding that the District has subsequently implemented a plan to streamline key administrative processes and has completely addressed the shortfall.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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Under established program review guidelines, the District has 30 days from the date of this cover letter to submit a formal response, if desired, to the enclosed Program Review Report. The report and any District responses will then be posted together on ARB's website. We encourage you to also make this information available to residents within the District.

I want to thank you and your staff for working with us through the course of this review. The District's incentive programs contribute significant and vital air quality improvements to the San Diego Air Basin, and provide opportunity to numerous grantees within the basin to cost-effectively reduce public exposure to diesel emissions in California. If you have any questions about the report, please contact Mr. Douglas Thompson, Manager, at (916) 322-6922 or via email at dthompso@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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