

Air Resources Board

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TO: All Highway (On-Road) Motorcycle Manufacturers All Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers All Small Off-Road Engine Manufacturers All Small Off-Road Equipment Manufacturers All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE AND CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP FOR HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES, OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, AND SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES AND EQUIPMENT

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the regulations, test procedures, and certification procedures for manufacturers interested in certifying vehicles and engines. Although the workshop will focus on the categories listed below, much of the discussion will be applicable to the certification procedures applicable to all mobile source categories.

- Highway Motorcycles (HMC).
- Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRV) including off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), off-road sport vehicles, off-road utility vehicles, and sand cars.
- Small Off-Road Engines (SORE) at or below 19 kW including SORE evaporative requirements.

The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date:	Wednesday, February 20, 2008
Time:	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PST)
Location:	Annex IV Auditorium
	9528 Telstar Avenue
	El Monte, CA 91731

Over the last several years, the ARB has seen a marked increase in the number of HMC, OHRV, and SORE manufacturers seeking emissions certification for their vehicles and engines. For example, for model-year 2006 (MY2006), the ARB certified 225 OHRV engine families from 51 manufacturers. For MY2007, the number of certified OHRV engine families was 371 (a 65 percent increase) from 108 manufacturers (a 112 percent increase). With so many new manufacturers and importers involved in certification, distribution, and sales, there has been much confusion.

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: <u>http://www.arb.ca.gov</u>.

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The ARB is conducting this workshop to assist new manufacturers and other interested parties in becoming familiar with the certification requirements and procedures. With heightened knowledge of the certification requirements and familiarity with the certification procedures, manufacturers and staff can expect a smoother certification process and avoid confusion.

Presentation material for the workshop will be posted at the following web site by February 13, 2008:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/mailouts/mouts_08.htm (2008 Mail-outs).

If you have a disability related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5029.

We welcome your participation. If you cannot attend, but would like to provide comments, or if you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Duc Nguyen, Manager, On-Road Certification/Audit Section, at 626-575-6844 or dnguyen@arb.ca.gov (for HMC and OHRV) or Mr. Kumar Muthukumar, Manager, Off-Road Certification/Audit Section, at 626-575-7040 or cmuthuku@arb.ca.gov (for SORE).

Sincerely,

/s/

Annette Hebert, Chief Mobile Source Operations Division