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Dear Stakeholder:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is conducting a study of portable outboard marine tanks. Portable outboard marine tanks (OMT) are small-capacity, removable tanks used to supply fuel to outboard marine engines. Unlike larger vessels with permanently mounted tanks, many small and medium size vessels use portable tanks that can be removed for transport or storage. When in use, the tank is connected to the engine by use of a rubber fuel line and a hand pump is used to prime the engine and start the flow of fuel. For storage, the tank may be removed and placed in a garage.

Our study will include an evaluation of fuel tank and fuel line manufacturing, storage and usage practices, and an analysis of the California tank population. The intent of the study is to examine potential emission impacts.

In an effort to locate interested stakeholders, we have mailed this letter to members of similar ARB mailing lists. In the future, we would like to create a new mailing list that is specific to OMT. If you or someone you know is interested in our study and would like to receive future notifications, please visit our webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/omt/omt.htm or contact Joseph Fischer at (916) 323-1169 so that we may obtain your contact information.

If you have questions or need additional information related to the OMT study, please contact Dennis Goodenow at (916) 322-2886 or via email at dgoodeno@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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