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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION FOR OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN CALIFORNIA WATERS

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in our ocean-going vessel speed reduction public workshop. ARB is evaluating the emissions, health and cost impacts of a vessel speed reduction (VSR) program at the major California ports and along the California coast. This evaluation is a part of our continuing efforts to reduce diesel particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, oxides of sulfur and carbon dioxide under the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan, Goods Movement Emission Reduction Plan and the Assembly Bill 32 – Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

At the meeting, staff will present preliminary results from ARB's VSR survey which will detail the economic impacts associated with a VSR program. In addition to previously presented emission scenarios that slowed all vessels within 24 and 40 nautical miles of five major port areas, staff will present other scenarios that slow only those vessels coming in and out of port, while considering the benefits of clean fuels. Staff will also present preliminary modeling impacts due to these emission scenarios. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: July 29, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 I Street
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Directions to the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Headquarters and public transit information can be found at Cal/EPA's website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>.

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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For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live broadcast will be available. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. Viewers can email questions during the workshop to SierraRm@CALEPA.ca.gov. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

The agenda and any other relevant materials will be available on our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/vsr/vsr.htm> prior to the workshop. Hard copy materials will also be available on the day of the meeting. If you did not receive this letter directly but would like to be on the mailing list for future notification, please sign up on our list serve via our website above.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 323-4327 or lkeifer@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We look forward to your participation in this workshop. If you have any questions concerning the workshop, please contact Ms. Michelle Komlenic at (916) 322-3926, or by email at mkomleni@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Robert Krieger, Manager, Emissions Evaluation Section at (916) 323-1202, or by email at rkrieger@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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