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California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
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Re: Support for Expanded List of Early Action Measures

Dear Mr. Corey,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), we commend the California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff for the proposal to expand the list of early action measures under Assembly Bill 32. These measures will be essential to begin emission reductions as quickly as possible, while the state works toward developing the broader 2009 scoping plan to meet the 2020 emission limit.

NRDC strongly supports the measures included on the proposed expanded early action measure list. In particular, we commend CARB staff for including measures that will reduce global warming pollution, cut toxics pollution and improve air quality at the same time. For example, we strongly support the Green Ports measure (which will require container ships at ports to turn off their dirty engines) and the SmartWay Truck measure (which will reduce fuel used by trucks); these measures will reduce global warming pollution, smog-forming pollutants and toxic diesel soot. We also strongly support the Cement Energy Efficiency measure on the "Group 2" list. This measure will result in less global warming pollution and lower emissions of toxic mercury.

We commend CARB staff on the detailed analysis of each of the recommended measures presented in the Appendices of the draft report, and appreciate the hard work that has gone into this effort to date. We look forward to continuing to work with you to cut global warming pollution and meet AB 32's emissions limit.

Sincerely,

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