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February 10, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold a public meeting of the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup to discuss ARB's research related activities on these fuels. Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to the biodiesel tier one report and biodiesel emissions tests. A draft agenda is enclosed. For updated information regarding the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup, please visit the Alternative Diesel Program webpage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm>. This webpage contains the biodiesel link where the final agenda and staff presentation will be posted.

Staff is seeking comments on the California Biodiesel Multimedia Evaluation Tier I Report, released on January 16, 2009. Please submit your comments on the Tier I Report by February 26th. The draft Tier II test protocol will be released by February 26th. Please submit your comments on the Tier II test protocol by March 19th.

The time and place of the public workgroup meeting are shown below:

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Byron Sher Auditorium
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

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

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at (916) 323-4916 or amelende@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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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This workgroup meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage, <http://www.arb.ca.gov>. To participate by teleconference dial **(800) 475-0234** and give the participant code, **23480**, and leader name, **Mr. Floyd Vergara**.

If you have suggestions for topics to be discussed, please contact Mr. Robert Okamoto, Staff Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 327-2953 or by email at rokamoto@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert Okamoto, Staff APS
Industrial Section

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Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Update on Biodiesel Characterization and NOx impact study
 - a. Heavy-duty engine testing
 - b. Chassis testing
 - c. TRU testing
- III. NOx Mitigation Strategies
 - a. Heavy-duty engine testing
- IV. Lunch
- V. Biodiesel Multimedia Evaluation
 - a. Tier one
 - b. Tier two test protocol
- VI. Open Discussion