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# Air Resources Board

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Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

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, updates to fuels, engine selection, and vehicle selection. Also, we will discuss the test protocols and test schedules for the emissions characterization study. The test protocols will be posted on our website about a week before the advisory meeting. We will also be discussing the draft Tier I report for the biodiesel multimedia evaluation. A draft agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup, please visit the Alternative Diesel Program web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm>. This webpage contains the proposed work plan for the biodiesel/renewable diesel emissions characterization and oxides of nitrogen mitigation study including a summary of other activities.

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

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008  
Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Location: California Environmental Agency  
1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sierra Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California 95814

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For your information, 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 (888) 935-0781 and give the participant code: 6217131, and leader name: Gary Yee. During the webcast, we will accept comments and questions sent via email to [onair@arb.ca.gov](mailto:onair@arb.ca.gov).

*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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A final agenda will be sent out about one week before the meeting. 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](mailto:rokamoto@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean C. Simeroth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief  
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Robert Okamoto, Staff APS  
Industrial Section

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Teleconference Dial-In #: **(888) 935-0781**, Participant Code: **6217131**  
Leader Name: **Gary Yee**

**Agenda**

- I. Introductions
- II. Summary of Previous Workgroup Discussions/Conclusions
  - a. Fuels
    - i. Specifications
    - ii. Blending
    - iii. Storage
  - b. Engine Selection
  - c. Vehicle Selection
  - d. Test Matrix
- III. Test Protocol
- IV. Test Schedule
- V. NOx Mitigation Update
- VI. Biodiesel Multimedia Tier I Evaluation
- VII. Open Discussion
- VIII. New Discussion Topic  
Comparison of Emissions Benefits of CARB Diesel vs. Federal Diesel
- IX. Open Discussion