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# Air Resources Board

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Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

August 9, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold the fourth-public meeting of the biodiesel work group to discuss biodiesel fuel related activities.

Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, the funding and scheduling of ARB biodiesel research studies. These include a biodiesel emissions characterization study, an oxide of nitrogen (NOx) mitigation study, and a multimedia assessment. A detailed description of the biodiesel emissions characterization study will be presented and discussed with a major focus of the discussion on selection of fuels, engines, and vehicles. Also, the meeting will include a discussion on the need to evaluate durability issues concerning biodiesel, renewable diesel fuel, heavy and light-duty vehicles. A draft agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the biodiesel workgroup, you may want to visit the Alternative Diesel Program web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm>. This webpage contains the proposed workplan for the biodiesel emissions characterization and NOx mitigation study including a summary of other activities.

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

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2007  
Time: 1:15 pm to 4:30 pm  
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency  
1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Coastal Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California 95814

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*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 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 (866) 747-3140 and give the participant code: **2264298**, and leader name: **Robert Okamoto**. During the webcast, we will also accept comments and questions sent via email to [onair@arb.ca.gov](mailto:onair@arb.ca.gov).

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,



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Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc Mr. Robert Okamoto, Staff APS  
Industrial Section

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**Draft Agenda**

- I. Introductions
- II. Background
- III. ASTM activities- biodiesel fuel specification update
- IV. Biodiesel research studies
  - a. Biodiesel funding
  - b. Biodiesel research schedule
  - c. Biodiesel emissions study
    - i. Description of work plan
    - ii. Discussion of work plan
      1. Selection of fuels, vehicles, and engines
  - d. NOx formation and mitigation study
    - i. Study design discussion
      1. Strategies to reduce NOx emissions
  - e. Renewable diesel fuel
  - f. Light duty vehicles
  - g. In kind contributions
  - h. Multi-media evaluation
    - i. Description of work plan
    - ii. Discussion of work plan
- V. Advisory group discussion
- VI. Biodiesel durability study
- VII. Presentation by others
- VIII. Open discussion