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September 21, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold the fifth public meeting of the biodiesel/renewable diesel work group to discuss ARB's research related activities on these fuels.

Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, the funding and scheduling of ARB biodiesel/renewable diesel research studies. These include an emissions characterization study, an oxide of nitrogen (NOx) mitigation study, and a multimedia assessment. A detailed description of the emission characterization study will be presented and discussed with a major focus on vehicle selection, revised test matrix, and test schedule. Also, the meeting will include a discussion of NOx mitigation strategies that will be evaluated in this study. A draft agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the biofuel 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 work plan for the biodiesel/renewable diesel 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: Friday, October 5, 2007
Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sierra 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>.

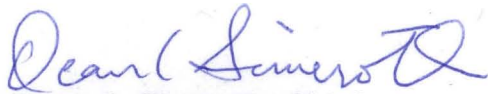
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For your information, this workgroup meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage, <http://www.arb.ca.gov>. To participate by teleconference dial (866) 747-3140 and give the participant code: **2264298**, and leader name: **Robert Okamoto**. During the webcast, we will also accept comments and questions sent via email to onair@arb.ca.gov.

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.

Sincerely,



Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
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Enclosure

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Industrial Section

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Draft Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Summary of previous workgroup discussions/conclusions
 - a. Fuels
 - b. Storage
 - c. Engine selection
- III. Vehicle selection
- IV. Test matrix
- V. Test schedule
- VI. NOx mitigation
 - a. Selection of NOx mitigation strategies
- VII. Presentation by others
- VIII. Open discussion