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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR APPROVING AFTERMARKET DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTERS INTENDED AS MODIFIED PARTS FOR 2007-2009 ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL ENGINES

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a second public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the *Criteria for the Evaluation of Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Devices*, Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 2220-2225 (Aftermarket Parts). These amendments would establish a procedure for approving non-original equipment manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket diesel particulate filters (DPF) intended as modified parts for 2007-2009 on-road heavy-duty diesel engines. ARB staff has scheduled a workshop to discuss its proposed evaluation procedure.

The workshop will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Location: California Air Resources Board
Annex 4 Auditorium
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

OEM on-road heavy-duty diesel engines model year 2007 and later are certified with exhaust aftertreatment systems, which typically include a DPF. An aftermarket DPF program would allow for additional replacement sources of exhaust aftertreatment parts for the end-user. Currently, OEM filters are the only option available to replace failed DPFs on diesel engines originally equipped with a DPF after expiration of the warranty period. *Vehicle Code* 27156 and 38391 requires ARB approval before a person can install, sell, offer for sale, or advertise any device, apparatus, or mechanism intended for use with, or as a part of, a required motor vehicle pollution control device or system that alters or modifies the original design or performance of the motor vehicle pollution control device or system.

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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The proposed procedure will establish the criteria that ARB will use to evaluate whether non-OEM aftermarket DPFs meet the exemption criteria for *Vehicle Code* 27156 and 38391. At this workshop, staff will discuss the draft procedure.

This workshop notice as well as ARB's workshop presentation and draft procedure will be made available on the following ARB website prior to the workshop:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/mod-part/mod-part.htm>.

Participants unable to attend in person may take part via webinar. The webinar information will be made available shortly on the following ARB website prior to the workshop: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/mod-part/mod-part.htm>.

List serve will be used to notify stakeholders of upcoming events. If you would like to receive notification by email of upcoming events, please sign up at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv.php>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance, or contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916.

If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the workshop. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the workshop:

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If any party wishes the information submitted to be treated as confidential by ARB staff, it should be clearly marked as "confidential" and should be on pages that are easily detachable from other, non-confidential, information. California guidelines (sections 91000-91002, Title 17, CCR, and Health and Safety Code section 39220 (e)) will be followed in the handling of confidential information.

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We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Ms. Shawn Daley, Manager, at (626) 575-6972 or by email at shawn.daley@arb.ca.gov or Dr. Jennifer Lin, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 445-0383 or by email at jennifer.lin@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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