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To: All California Public Transit Agencies

Dear Sir or Madam:

On February 24, 2000, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted a regulation for a public transit bus fleet rule and emission standards for new urban buses. This regulation contains a number of requirements with specific compliance dates.

The regulation requires a transit agency to submit an initial report to the ARB by January 31, 2001, to inform the ARB which compliance path the transit agency intends to follow and to describe the current bus fleet. While the regulation contains some requirements that are the same for both paths, other requirements are different and were tailored specifically for each path. The decision as to which compliance path to take is of the utmost importance since all future purchasing and/or leasing decisions a transit agency will make, as well as other operational and administrative requirements, will depend on the path chosen.

Two forms are enclosed to assist you in declaring the fuel path and making your first annual report. In addition, you are required to submit a report by January 31, 2001 that documents your active urban bus fleet NOx emission average. If that number exceeds 4.8 g/bhp-hr, based on the engine certification standards of the engines in the active fleet, you must submit a schedule of actions planned to achieve that average by October 1, 2002. The report should include numbers and model years of bus purchases, retirements, retrofits and/or repowerings planned to achieve the required fleet average. A sample report form is enclosed with this letter. Reporting requirements are found in Section 1956.4, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, and are available at our website: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/bus/bus.htm.

I appreciate the working relationship we have developed with various transit agencies and the California Transit Association during the regulatory development process of the bus rule. ARB staff is committed to assist your agency in your efforts to comply with all requirements of the urban bus rule. We encourage an open process where issues related to compliance can be discussed to ensure that they are addressed in a timely manner.

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Please call Ms. Annette Hebert, Chief of the Heavy-Duty Diesel In Use Strategies Branch, at (626) 575-6973, if you have any questions. Responsibility for implementation of this rule has transitioned to Ms. Hebert; Mr. Jack Kitowski was formerly responsible.

Sincerely,

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Robert H. Cross, Chief
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Enclosures



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Fuel Path Form

Transit Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax #: _____

ELECTION OF FUEL PATH:

Diesel Path

Alternate Fuel Path

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please submit the original copy by January 31, 2001 to Ms. Annette Hebert, Chief of the Heavy-Duty Diesel In Use Strategies Section of the California Air Resources Board at the above address.



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Transit Agency Name: _____

Current Buses in Fleet

Model Year	Bus Mfg.	Number of Buses	Engine Type	Current NOx	Total NOx	Current HC	Total HC	Current CO	Total CO	Current PM	Total PM
<i>Totals:</i>											
<i>Total Fleet Emission Average :</i>											

Anticipated Buses in Fleet

by October 1, 2002

and method used to achieve 4.8 g/bhp-hr NOx fleet average

Model Year	Bus Mfg.	Number of Buses	Engine Type	Current NOx	Total NOx	Current HC	Total HC	Current CO	Total CO	Current PM	Total PM
<i>Totals:</i>											
<i>Total Fleet Emission Average :</i>											

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please submit your report by January 31, 2001 to Ms. Annette Hebert, Chief, Heavy-Duty Diesel In Use Strategies Branch, at the above address.

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