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TRANSIT BUS RULE WORKSHOP

Dear Sir or Madam:

At a public hearing held on February 24, 2000, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the public transit bus fleet rule and emission standards for new urban buses. The regulation contains two complementary elements to reduce emissions from urban buses; 1) a multi-component transit bus fleet rule applicable to transit agencies; and 2) more stringent emission standards for engines used in urban buses, applicable to engine manufacturers. The fleet rule is designed to achieve near-term emission benefits, while the engine standards are designed to achieve long-term emission benefits resulting from new bus engines with ultra-low, near-zero, and zero-emissions.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide transit agencies with an overview of the transit bus rule including the alternative Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) strategy requirement, status of diesel particulate filter verification, and fuels availability. The workshop will focus on the alternative NOx strategies proposals that are to be submitted to the ARB Executive Officer by June 30, 2001.

The workshop will be held at the time and location us shown below:

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2001

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Air Resources Board
Annex 4 - Auditorium
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

If you would like to make a formal presentation during the workshop, please contact Mr. Alvaro Gutierrez, Retrofit Implementation Section at (626) 350-6549. In the interest of time, presentations should be 15-20 minutes at most. If there is more information than can be presented in 15-20 minutes, please contact ARB staff to discuss your presentation.

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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Please call Dr. Nancy Steele, Retrofit Implementation Section Manager, Heavy-Duty Diesel in Use Strategies Branch, at (626) 350-6598, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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