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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Public Workshop Regarding Proposed Diesel Particulate Matter Control Measure For On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Publicly Owned and Operated Fleets, including Non-Urban Transit Buses

Background: In August 1998 the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) identified particulate matter (PM) exhaust from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. Following that determination, the ARB developed the Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles (Diesel Risk Reduction Plan or DRRP). The DRRP, approved by the Board in September 2000, identified a number of air toxic control measures to reduce public exposure to diesel PM, including the use of emission control devices or strategies on in-use engines.

On May 16, 2002, the Board approved the Diesel Emission Control Strategy Verification Procedure, Warranty And In-Use Compliance Requirements For On-Road, Off-Road, And Stationary Diesel-Fueled Vehicles And Equipment. In addition, ARB is working on a diesel PM control measure for solid waste collection vehicles. For more information about these items, you may access ARB's website:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselrrp.htm>.

Workshop: These proposed new regulations apply to all municipalities, or public agencies, that own, lease, or operate, or contract for operation, heavy-duty vehicles in the State of California. The rules requires diesel PM be reduced in on-road heavy-duty vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of greater than 14,000 pounds, owned and operated on public roads by a public agency or operated under contract to a public agency. In addition, changes are proposed to the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies. Changes include both moving the Fleet Rule from sections 1956.2-.4 to new section 2023 and a requirement that transit agencies reduce diesel PM emissions in non-urban buses over time.

Draft proposed regulations are found in Attachment A.

*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 workshop will be held at the ARB facility in El Monte and may end earlier than scheduled if all issues have been discussed.

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2003  
Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Location: ARB Building  
Auditorium, Annex 4  
9530 Telstar Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731

Staff encourages comments regarding this draft of the proposed on-road heavy-duty public fleets rule and would appreciate receiving written comments by April 18, 2003. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in 2003. Please send your comments to Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, [nsteele@arb.ca.gov](mailto:nsteele@arb.ca.gov), or mail them to our office, attention Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Minal Khedia, Staff, Retrofit Implementation Section, at [mkhedia@arb.ca.gov](mailto:mkhedia@arb.ca.gov) or (626) 350-6407, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

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Mobile Source Control Division

Attachment