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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING A PROPOSED NEW DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER CONTROL MEASURE FOR ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL-FUELED PUBLICLY-OWNED AND OPERATED VEHICLES

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*, which was approved by the Board in September 2000. This plan 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, on September 25, 2003, the Board adopted 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: The subject of the upcoming workshops is proposed new regulations that would apply to all municipalities, or public agencies, that own or operate heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles in California. The rules propose that public agencies reduce the diesel PM emissions from their on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles. In addition, the proposed rules will result in reductions in oxides of nitrogen emissions, mainly achieved through vehicle and engine turnover.

We have previously conducted a workshop on this item on April 3, 2003. The ARB staff has reviewed the comments received and, in some cases, incorporated suggested changes to the proposed regulations. An electronic version of this notice and a current draft of the Proposed Regulation is available on ARB's web page at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>.

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 following dates and times have been scheduled to provide an overview of the revised draft regulations and to receive public comments. Please note that each workshop may end earlier than scheduled if all issues have been discussed.

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2003
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2003
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Cal EPA Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Staff encourages comments regarding this proposed on-road heavy-duty public fleets rule and would appreciate receiving written comments by January 16, 2004. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in 2004. Please send your comments to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Staff Engineer, by email at slemieu@arb.ca.gov or by mail attention Ms. Sharon Lemieux, ARB, Annex II, 9528 Telstar Avenue, El Monte California 91731.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Neidy Pinuelas, Heavy Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch Secretary, at npinuela@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6454, 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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