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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY ACCELERATED VEHICLE RETIREMENT REGULATION AND CARL MOYER PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTARY REPAIR OF VEHICLES

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a third public workshop at the time and place noted below to discuss proposed revisions to the ARB's regulation governing voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement (VAVR) programs and proposed Carl Moyer Program Guidelines governing voluntary repair of vehicles (VRV) programs. The ARB staff will present draft regulatory and guidance language at the workshop, expanding on the concepts presented at earlier workshops.

The goal of VAVR programs is to retire older, more polluting vehicles earlier than their expected lifetime, thereby eliminating air pollution emissions associated with their operation. The ARB adopted regulations governing VAVR programs in 1998 and amended them in 2002. VAVR programs are overseen by ARB and administered by local air districts. District programs must ensure that the emission reductions are surplus to those obtained through the Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) Smog Check program.

The ARB staff is proposing to revise the VAVR regulations to allow the use of remote sensing devices (RSD) and other approaches as an additional means of identifying high emitting vehicles. The revisions would help codify the optional use of RSD in VAVR programs. The ARB staff is also proposing to establish protocols for quantifying extra emission reductions associated with the voluntary retirement of high emitting vehicles.

With legislation signed in 2004 (Assembly Bill 923), VRV programs are now fundable under the Carl Moyer Program. In these programs, owners of qualifying high emitting vehicles identified between Smog Checks may be reimbursed for the cost of emission related repairs. The ARB staff is proposing Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for district-run VRV programs.

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 third public workshop will be held at the following time and place:

DATE: August 31, 2006
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
TOPIC: Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement and Voluntary Repair of Vehicles
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

A meeting agenda is enclosed. For those unable to attend in person, the workshop will also be webcast. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants.

Copies of the draft regulatory and guidance language and staff's presentation will be available prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/avrp/avrp.htm>. If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the VAVR program website, please sign up at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/avrp.htm>.

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 ADA 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. We welcome your participation.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. John Kato, Manager, at (916) 322-2891 or by email at jkato@arb.ca.gov, Mr. Andrew Panson, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2881 or by email at apanson@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Tom Roemer, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-1520 or troemer@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

**Public Workshop to Discuss Revisions to
The Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) Regulation and
Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for Voluntary Repair of Vehicles (VRV) Programs**

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. ARB Staff Presentation
 - a. Proposed changes to VAVR regulation
 - b. Proposed methodology of calculating the emission reductions from retiring high emitting vehicles
 - c. Proposed Carl Moyer Program Guidelines for VRV Programs
3. Discussion and Public Comment
4. Next Steps