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TO: City/County Administrators

SUBJECT: Outreach to Waste Hauling Companies

In 2004 the Air Resources Board (ARB) passed the Solid Waste Collection Vehicle rule. This rule is bringing us cleaner air as thousands of California trash trucks are being required to greatly reduce their diesel smoke emissions between now and 2010.

However, it has come to ARB's attention that, despite extensive ARB outreach about this rule, some of the State's hauling companies are receiving violation notices for non-compliance. Each notice can bring a fine of at least \$300.

As part of our continuing outreach efforts to the waste hauling community, I would like to ask for the assistance of cities, counties and other government agencies that contract with or otherwise deal with these companies. You can do this by simply having this letter passed along to the waste collection companies in your community. Hauling company owners can inform themselves about the Solid Waste Collection Vehicle rule by visiting ARB's Internet site at www.arb.ca.gov and clicking on "Site Map" on the top right side of the page. Then click on "S" and scroll down to "Solid Waste Collection Vehicles." Clicking on this page opens voluminous information about the rule and gives the names of ARB staff who can be contacted for assistance.

Your cooperation will help waste haulers comply with the rule and further contribute to bringing California cleaner air. Please remember also, that each city or county is required to update ARB annually on any waste haulers they contract with and hauler contact information. In addition, cities and counties have been required since December 31, 2004, to include in any new or renewed contracts with hauling companies, language requiring the hauler to be in compliance with all applicable air pollution control laws (Section 2021.1[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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If you have any questions regarding this regulation, please contact my staff,
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