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TO: Sand Car Manufacturers and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Workshop to discuss the California regulations and test procedures for sand cars

At the time and place noted below, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will host a public workshop to discuss the recent amendments to California's regulations and test procedures for new off-highway recreational vehicles (OHRV). Specifically, the discussions will focus on the recent inclusion of sand cars (i.e., dune buggies, sand rails, etc.) into the off-highway recreational vehicle category.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: October 24, 2006

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: California Air Resources Board – Annex 3 Conference Room
9460 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

Background

In 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a federal regulation for nonroad recreational vehicles, which included sand cars. This rulemaking set exhaust and evaporative emission standards. The exhaust emission standards are phased in as follows: 50 percent of vehicles in 2006, the remaining 50 percent in 2007. The evaporative emission standards become effective in 2008. In response to this regulatory activity, and in response to the sand car industry's request to reduce industry's certification efforts, ARB staff proposed amendments to California's OHRV regulation that greatly harmonize with the federal requirements. These amendments were approved by the Board at a public hearing on July 20, 2006.

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Purpose of Workshop

Recognizing that many manufacturers are unfamiliar with California's OHRV regulation, ARB staff is hosting a workshop specifically for the sand car industry members. The purpose of this workshop is to explain the regulatory requirements, to answer industry's questions, and to facilitate prompt compliance with the exhaust and evaporative emission standards. Staff from ARB's regulatory, certification, and enforcement departments will be present at the workshop to assist the industry in this endeavor.

In preparation for the workshop, a "fact sheet" containing answers to frequently asked questions is being prepared. To that end, ARB staff is soliciting questions from the sand car industry before the workshop takes place. If you have questions about the regulatory requirements or related matters, kindly submit them at your earliest convenience to Mr. Andrew Spencer or Mr. Scott Rowland (see the contact information below).

Workshop Materials

Workshop presentations and handouts will be available at the workshop and on the Off-Road Recreational Vehicles website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/orrec/orrec.htm> . If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the Off-Road Recreational Vehicles website, please sign up at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/orrec.htm> .

Additional Information

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) 324-5049.

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We welcome your participation. If you have general questions regarding the workshop, or you cannot attend but would like to provide comments, please contact Mr. Andrew Spencer, Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 575-6675 or email aspencer@arb.ca.gov , or Mr. Scott Rowland, Manager, at (626) 575-6676 or email srowland@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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