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TO: All Registered Owners of Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Vehicles

SUBJECT: FUTURE ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL REGULATION

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is developing a regulation to reduce emissions from in-use on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles. You may be required in the future to apply exhaust after treatment controls or implement other measures to reduce particulate matter and other emissions from your existing diesel-fueled vehicles.

The goals of this effort are to achieve the maximum cost-effective emissions reductions and to implement part of the ARB's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan. The Diesel Risk Reduction Plan is designed to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions from various sources. Particulate matter emissions from diesel exhaust increases the risk of lung cancer for humans as well as non-cancer causing respiratory effects such as asthma and pulmonary inflammation.

The proposed regulation for on-road heavy-duty vehicles would apply to heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles greater than 14,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating. At this time, vehicles with engines meeting the 2007 model year or newer on-road engine standards are not proposed to be subject to the regulation. ARB staff will be working with stakeholders through public meetings and workshops to develop a proposed emissions control strategy and implementation schedule. The goal is to present a recommendation to the Board in 2007.

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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For further information, you can contact our Public Information Office at (800) 242-4450 or at (626) 575-6888. The following website also provides information about the proposed rulemaking, meeting dates and other information:
www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm . Anyone who is interested in receiving email notices about future meetings or updates may add their name to the listserve lists also available at this website.

Sincerely,

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