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To: School Transportation Officials

Subject: STATEWIDE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS SCHOOL BUSES
ROLE IN THE PROPOSED REGULATION FOR IN-USE ON-ROAD
HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL-FUELED VEHICLES

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) will be considering a regulation that will affect all commercial heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles operating in the state including all public and private school buses. As proposed, this regulation would require all school buses to be retrofitted with a Verified Diesel Emission Control System that reduces particulate matter (PM) emission by at least 50 percent.

The proposed regulation for In-Use On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel Fueled Vehicles is scheduled to be heard by the Board in the fall of 2008. In support of the development of this proposed regulation, statewide workshops will soon be held. Please refer to the attached workshop notice to find a workshop location near you. Special breakout sessions will be held to discuss how this proposed regulation affects school buses. Now is your opportunity to have meaningful input in the development of this regulation. For more information on this proposed regulation please visit:
www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm .

Assistance to public school districts may be available for early compliance with this proposed regulation. The Lower-Emission School Bus Program has significant funding which can pay for the retrofit of eligible 1987 and newer model year diesel-fueled school buses and private school bus fleets that contract public schools with Level-3 (reduce PM emissions by at least 85 percent) diesel particulate filters. Although significant, program funding is limited and may no longer be available after June 30, 2010, for 1998 model year and older school buses. Now is your opportunity to use State funds to install retrofit devices on your eligible school buses.

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Please visit the Lower-Emission School Bus web page for information on this program: www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm, for program questions please contact, Mr. Earl Landberg, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-1384 or by email at elandber@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Enclosure: Mail-Out #MSC 08-11

cc: Earl Landberg
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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED
REGULATION FOR IN-USE ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL-FUELED
VEHICLES

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in the next series of workshops to discuss a proposed regulation to reduce emissions from existing diesel-fueled trucks, buses, and other vehicles operating in the State. As currently proposed, the regulation would apply to nearly all in-use on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles regardless of where the vehicle is registered. This is our fifth set of workshops since the initial regulatory concept was presented during public workshops in April 2007.

At the workshops, staff plans to discuss:

- Revisions to the proposed regulatory language presented in January 2008, and staff's revised emission benefit and cost analyses. The proposed revisions include requirements for the installation of diesel particulate filters (DPFs) for some vehicles beginning in 2010 and 2011, and engine turnover requirements starting in 2012. The proposed revisions do not require more than a single engine/truck replacement.
- Revisions to the Public Agency and Utility Regulation to include light heavy-duty diesel engines operated by municipalities and utilities in that regulation, and to clarify the best available control technology requirements.
- Revisions to staff's proposed concepts for efficiency improvements from tractors and trailers operating in the state. The proposed revisions include limiting the requirements to tractors/trailer combinations that are hauling 53 foot long box trailers.
- Staff will also separately discuss in breakout sessions how school districts may be affected by the requirements in the proposed regulation for the installation of DPFs on public and private school buses.

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Day and evening workshops are planned, with breakout sessions to discuss the proposed school bus requirements, and how school districts may be able to use Lower-Emission School Bus Program funds to bring school buses into compliance ahead of the proposed regulatory requirements. The daytime workshops will be held in El Monte, San Diego, San Jose, Redding, Sacramento, and Fresno. Workshops will also be held in the evening in El Centro, Riverside, San Jose, Redding, Sacramento, and Fresno. The dates and times are listed below.

El Monte

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/elmomaps.htm>

San Diego

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: California Department of
Transportation District 11
Garcia Room
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, California 92110

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/>

El Centro

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: El Centro Community Center
375 S. First Street
El Centro, California 92243

<http://imperialcounty.net/ag/Departments/Air%20Pollution.htm>

Riverside

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Riverside County
Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, California 92501

<http://www.countyofriverside.us>

San Jose

Date: Friday, May 30, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **and**
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: County of Santa Clara
Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

<http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/scc>

Redding

Date: Monday, June 2, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **and**
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Shasta County Board of
Supervisors Chambers
1450 Court Street Suite 263
Redding, California 96001

<http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/>

Sacramento

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **and**
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm>

Fresno

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **and**
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
School Bus Breakout Session:
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Fresno County Plaza
Ballroom
2220 Tulare St.
Fresno, California 93721

<http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/0130/lmgs/BallroomMap.pdf>

Workshop Details:

If you did not receive this notice directly, but would like to be on the mailing list for future notification, please sign up via our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/dieseltruck> .

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 contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

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The final agenda, revised regulatory language, presentations, as well as any additional material will be available prior to the workshop at this website address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck> . The hard copy materials will also be available on the day of the meeting.

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcasting) will be available at our Sacramento workshop on June 4, 2008; however, the remaining workshops will not be webcast. The Sacramento broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. An email address will also be available to submit questions or comments.

We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please call our toll free diesel regulation information line at 1-866-6DIESEL (1-866-634-3735). You may also contact Ms. Gloria Lindner, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-2803 or by email at glindner@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mobile Source Control Division

cc: Ms. Gloria Lindner
Air Resources Engineer
In Use Control Measures Section