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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF HEAVY DUTY
VEHICLE AIR QUALITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of the Heavy Duty Vehicle Air Quality Loan Program. This workshop will be held at the following time and location:

DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2008
TIME: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
(workshop will be webcast)

AB 118 (Statutes of 2007), the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007 provides about \$50 million annually through 2015 for the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects. The Heavy Duty Vehicle Air Quality Loan Program (Loan Program) would utilize FY 2008-09 AQIP funds to help on-road heavy-duty vehicle fleet owners comply with two proposed ARB heavy-duty vehicle regulations scheduled for Board consideration in December 2008.

This workshop provides an opportunity for stakeholder input regarding development of a relevant and useful loan program to maximize assistance to affected industry. A week prior to the workshop, ARB will post a discussion document on its webpage (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ba/loan/loan.htm>) with staff's preliminary ideas regarding the following concepts:

- Possible program structure
- Possible financial tools and program partners
- Target fleets and possible applicant criteria

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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This is the second workshop on this topic. More workshops may be held before ARB staff presents the Loan Program to the Board. ARB will also hold a workshop regarding development of the AQIP Guidelines and the fiscal year 2009-10 funding plan on the morning of November 6, 2008. For information regarding that workshop, visit www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm .

For those unable to attend in person, the November 6, 2008 workshops in Sacramento will also be webcast. On the day of the workshop, the broadcast can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> . Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ba/loan/loan.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/eo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator, at (916) 323-7053. We welcome your participation.

If you have questions regarding the workshop or the Heavy Duty Vehicle Air Quality Loan Program development, please contact Ms. Krista Fregoso, at (916) 445-5035 or kfregoso@arb.ca.gov or Mr. Bob Nguyen, at (916) 327-2939 or bnnguyen@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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