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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE
LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM AND THE
CARL MOYER PROGRAM

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed revisions to the Lower-Emission School Bus Program and the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. The Lower-Emission School Bus Program (LESBP) provides incentive grants to reduce school children's exposure to harmful pollutants through purchases of replacement buses and the installation of retrofit technologies on existing buses. The Carl Moyer Program provides financial incentive grants to reduce emissions from various sources including on-road and off-road motor vehicles and agricultural engines.

At the workshop, ARB will discuss three proposed revisions to the LESBP Guidelines:

- 1) Update the emission criteria for 2010 model year (MY) replacement school buses.
- 2) Update the cost cap for the 2010 MY replacement school buses.
- 3) Extend the June 30, 2010 deadline for retrofit funding.

ARB held workshops in December to discuss proposed near-term revisions to the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines. ARB staff intends to modify various proposed revisions as a result of comments received at those workshops. ARB will present these changes during this January workshop.

These proposed revisions to the Carl Moyer Program Guidelines will be available prior to the workshop on the following website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm>.

Information about the LESBP and the proposed revisions to the LESBP Guidelines will be available prior to the workshop on the following website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/schoolbus/schoolbus.htm>.

Both program's proposed revisions are scheduled to be brought to the Board at the ARB Board Meeting on March 25-26, 2010.

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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The workshop is scheduled for:

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

For those unable to attend in person, the workshop will also be available via webcast. The broadcast can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?bdo=1> on the day of the workshop. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants.

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact Lynsay Carmichael at (916) 322-0407 or lcarmich@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Lynsay Carmichael, Air Resources Engineer at (916) 322-0407 or via email at lcarmich@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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