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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA'S LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE REGULATIONS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES – LEV III (REVISED)

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is developing a proposal for more stringent emission requirements for new passenger vehicles, to be considered by the Board later this year. A one day workshop to discuss our preliminary thoughts and sources of information upon which to base the proposed standards and procedures is scheduled for March 2nd, 2010, in El Monte, California.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

DATE: March 2nd, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
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ARB staff has developed a draft proposal for criteria emission standards, and is seeking comments and input from stakeholders. The preliminary proposal for the criteria standards can be found in the document "Preliminary Discussion Paper – Amendments to California's Low-Emission Vehicle Regulations for Criteria Pollutants – LEV III." A copy the document may be found at:

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

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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Regarding future Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission regulations, staff is evaluating studies of the feasibility and cost of advanced technologies to reduce GHG emissions that could achieve widespread sales and acceptance in the 2017-2025 timeframe. At the workshop staff will discuss these studies and welcomes input from stakeholders.

The Environmental Performance Label, mandated by AB 1229 (2005), became effective in June 2008 and is now required on all new passenger vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2009. The Environmental Performance Label provides consumers with 2 scores, a Smog Score and Global Warming Score. With new criteria emission regulations under consideration, the Smog score scale will need to be adjusted. Accordingly, staff is considering new scores that would align with any proposed modifications to the LEV program as well as other adjustments that could help improve the effectiveness of the Label.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Adriann Medina at (626) 459-4405 or amedina@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

ARB will use the LEV Program list serve to notify stakeholders of upcoming events. If you wish to sign up for this list serve, please visit http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=levprog

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the workshop. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the workshop.

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We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Paul Hughes, Manager, at (626) 575-6977, or by email at phughes@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Sarah Carter, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 575-6845, or by email at scarter@arb.ca.gov. Questions concerning the proposed evaporative and supplemental federal test procedure standards should be directed to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Manager, at (626) 575-7067, or by email at sclermieu@arb.ca.gov. Questions regarding the Environmental Performance Label should be directed to Mr. Gerhard Achtelik, Manager, at (916) 323-8973, or by email at gachteli@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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