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To: Manufacturers of:

- Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Vehicles
- Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Engines
- On-Road Motorcycles
- Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles
- Small Spark Ignition Engines
- Large Spark Ignition Engines
- Off-Road Compression Ignition Engines
- Spark-Ignition Marine Engines
- Grey Market / Direct Importers
- All Other Interested Parties

Subject: Reorganization of New Vehicle/Engine Certification and Quality Audit Activities

With this mail-out, I am announcing an organizational change with respect to ARB's new vehicle/engine certification and quality audit programs. These changes, which are currently effective, will consolidate certification and quality audit responsibilities for specific mobile sources into a single section. In most cases, manufacturers will have a single ARB contact person for both certification and quality audit activities.

The Certification Section has been renamed as the **On-Road Certification/Audit Section**. This section will be responsible for certification and audit activities for all on-road mobile sources. For practical reasons, the section will also handle off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. The New Vehicle/Engine Audit Section is now the **Off-Road Certification/Audit Section**. It is responsible for certification and quality audit activities for all other off-road mobile sources.

Charts with further details on the activities of each section along with **newly assigned staff contacts** for manufacturers are provided in the attached pages. Your new staff contact should be consulted for all current and future certification applications and other issues. The staff of the two sections are working in close coordination to minimize any disruptions during this transition.

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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Please continue to address certification applications, quality audit reports, and other related materials to myself. However, in order to ensure fast and accurate handling of these documents, please indicate under the address block whether the submission should be **directed to the attention** of the On-Road or Off-Road Certification/Audit Section. Also, please indicate on the cover page the category that the subject vehicles/engines fall into (e.g., pc/ldt/mdv, ssie, onmc, etc.).

The purpose of these changes is to better utilize staff resources in a way that will speed up the certification process, particularly during peak certification periods, and improve communications with manufacturers by consolidating points of contact.

If you have any questions regarding this mail-out, please contact Mr. Allen Lyons, Chief, New Vehicle/Engine Programs Branch at (626) 575-6918, Mr. Duc Nguyen, Manager, On-Road Certification/Audit Section at (626) 575-6844, or Mr. Kumar Muthukumar, Manager, Off-Road Certification/Audit Section at (626) 575-7040.

Sincerely,

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Attachments