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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF CALIFORNIA
MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE INFORMATION

The purpose of this correspondence is to announce that the Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a Public Hearing to consider adopting regulations that would make available emission-related service information for passenger cars, light-duty and medium-duty vehicles. The proposal also includes proposed regulations for the implementation of an administrative hearing process to address issues related to motor vehicle manufacturers' compliance with the proposed service information regulations. This Public Hearing shall take place as follows:

DATE: December 13, 2001
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Air Resources Board
Annex IV Auditorium
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., December 13, 2001, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., December 14, 2001. This item might not be considered until December 14, 2001. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before December 13, 2001, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

For your convenience, the Public Hearing Notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and all proposed regulatory documents for this rulemaking are available on the ARB Internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/cmvsip/cmvsip.htm>.

For those without Internet access or who require a hardcopy of the aforementioned documents, please use the attached request form.

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 Web site: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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The ARB staff is proposing to adopt regulations that require motor vehicle manufacturers to make available on the Internet all emission-related service information, which includes service manuals, technical service bulletins, training materials, initialization procedures, and on-board diagnostic system information. Manufacturers must also make available their enhanced diagnostic tools and reprogramming information. The initial statement of reasons for this rulemaking provides a detailed description of the above proposed provisions, as well as procedures for handling trade secrets, compliance audits, and administrative hearings.

The proposed regulation would not provide for new emission reductions from motor vehicles. Instead the requirements would further ensure that California fully realizes the emission reductions anticipated for Smog Check, and ARB's current regulations for second-generation on-board diagnostic (OBD II) systems and low-emission vehicles. Specifically, the availability of complete emission-related service information and tools will provide for better maintenance of motor vehicles, and the fast and accurate diagnosis and repair of emission-related problems that do occur.

This regulatory action is proposed under the authority granted to the ARB in California Health and Safety Code sections 39600, 39601, 43018, and 43105.5. This action is proposed to implement, interpret or make specific sections 39027.3, 43104, 43105.5, and 44011.6, Health and Safety Code; sections 11181, 11182, 11184, 11189, 11425.30, 11425.40, 11430.70-11430.80, 11435.25, 11435.30, 11435.55, 11440.30, 11455, 11455.30, 11500, 11507.6, 11509, 11512 and 11525, Government Code; sections 451, 452, 751, 915(b), Evidence Code; sections 395, 1013, 1013a, 1094.5, California Code of Civil Procedure; 13, CCR, section 1969; Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976).

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Mr. Dean Hermans, Staff Engineer, at (626) 459-4487.

Sincerely,

/s/

R. B. Summerfield, Chief
Mobile Source Operations Division

Attachment

**Request for Public Hearing Notice, Staff Report, and Attachments for the
Consideration of Regulations for the Availability of California Motor Vehicle
Service Information**

The documents listed on the lower portion of this page will be available on the
Air Resources Board's Web site, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/cmvsip/cmvsip.htm>

If you would like to receive a hard copy of any of the documents,
please mail or fax this form to:

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Please check all that apply:

_____ Public Hearing Notice.

_____ Staff Report – Initial Statement of Reasons for Rulemaking.

_____ Attachment A – Proposed California Regulations to Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 1, Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Devices, Article 2 Approval of Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Devices (New Vehicles); Section 1969, Motor Vehicle Service Information – 1994 and Subsequent Model Passenger Cars, Light-duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles.

_____ Attachment B – Proposed California Regulations to Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1.25, Article 2.5 Administrative Procedures for Review of Executive Officer Determinations Regarding Service Information for 1994 and Subsequent Model Year Vehicles.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

