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To: All Aftermarket Catalytic Converter Manufacturers & Catalyst Suppliers

Subject: Proper MIL Illumination Demonstration

Section (e)(5) of the "California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters" (the Procedures) allowed manufacturers of new aftermarket catalytic converter designs originally exempted prior to January 1, 2009 under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Air Resources Board (ARB) to conduct testing to demonstrate OBD II system compatibility over a three year period. Compliance with the OBD II system compatibility requirements as specified in sections (e)(5)(A) and (e)(5)(B) must be achieved by January 1, 2012 on all catalytic converter designs previously approved through an MOU.

A number of catalytic converters previously approved through an MOU were issued Executive Orders under the Procedures but without the Proper MIL Illumination Demonstration (PMID) as required under section (e)(5)(B) of the Procedures. Please submit data to comply with the PMID requirements by December 15, 2011. Failure to submit the necessary data by this deadline will result in the rescission of your Executive Order(s) for catalytic converters with no PMID data, effective January 1, 2012.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Rose Castro, Manager, Aftermarket Parts Section at (626) 575-6848. Any questions specific to the catalytic converter models with no PMID data or to the necessary catalyst aging and testing should be directed to staff assigned to your exemption applications.

Sincerely,

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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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