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TO:

California Environmental Protection Agency



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Pete Wilson Governor

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ALL MANUFACTURERS OF PASSENGER CARS ALL MANUFACTURERS OF LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS ALL MANUFACTURERS OF MEDIUM-DUTY VEHICLES ALL MANUFACTURERS OF HEAVY-DUTY ENGINES ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: Request for Alternative-Fueled Vehicle (AFV) Production Plans

To assure that adequate refueling stations are available for AFV customers, the "Low-Emission Vehicles/Clean Fuels" regulations require manufacturers to provide advanced notification of their AFV production plans to the Air Resources Board (ARB) (section 4.a.2. of the "California Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures for 1988 and Subsequent Model Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Vehicles," amended September 22, 1993).

The ARB hereby requests that manufacturers of all AFVs for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 model years (MYs) provide projected California sales figures, projected fuel economy, and vehicle classification for such vehicles. For projected numbers, please provide a single best estimate (i.e., please do <u>not</u> provide a range of values). For manufacturers who had certified AFVs for the 1994-1997 MYs, the ARB requests an update using actual production numbers (or projected sales of 1997 MY vehicles if still in production) and vehicle model names for such vehicles.

All sales/production information should be listed by model year, fuel type, and vehicle classification, for all AFVs that are certified to a low-emission vehicle emission standard ("TLEV", "LEV", "ULEV", "SULEV" or "ZEV") or to non-low-emission vehicle emission standard ("Tier 0", "Tier 1", or "AB965"). Attached is a recommended format for reporting the requested information. Together with other relevant data, the requested information will be used to calculate the required volume of the clean fuel and the required number of fueling stations once the vehicle trigger is met. The above information is requested within thirty (30) days from the date of this Mail-Out, and should be addressed to:

Mr. Dean C. Simeroth, Chief Criteria Pollutants Branch Stationary Source Division Air Resources Board 2020 L Street Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

Revisions to these plans are requested as they occur. The above information will be kept confidential to ensure that the competitive position of each manufacturer is not compromised.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Dean Simeroth, at (916) 322-6020.

Sincerely,

R. B. Summerfield, Chief /s/ Mobile Source Operations Division

Attachment

## ATTACHMENT

## EXAMPLE FORMAT

## ALTERNATIVE-FUELED VEHICLE PRODUCTION PLANS

|       |                  | FUEL TYPE         |                | FUEL ECONOMY | PROJECTED OR  |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| MODEL | CERT STANDARD    | (CNG, LPG,        | VEHICLE CLASS  | CITY HIGHWAY | ACTUAL SALES  |
| YEAR  | (TLEV, LEV, ETC) | <u>M85, etc.)</u> | (PC, LDT, ETC) | (mi/gal)     | OR PRODUCTION |