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Dear Sir or Madam:

We would like to invite you to attend a public workshop to discuss the draft report, Proposed Identification of Environmental Tobacco Smoke as a Toxic Air Contaminant, December 2003. The report is available on-line at www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/ets/ets.htm.

Since June 2001, the Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) have investigated the exposure and health effects of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) to determine whether it meets criterion to be identified as a toxic air contaminant (TAC). State law directs ARB to identify and control toxic air pollutants which pose a potential public health risk to Californians (Health and Safety Code, sections 39650-39674).

As a result of its evaluation, ARB and OEHHA have jointly prepared a draft report to evaluate the need to identify ETS as a TAC. This report was released to the public in December 2003. We are extending the comment period on the report. Comments on the draft report are now due by March 29, 2004.

The staff of ARB and OEHHA have scheduled a public workshop to discuss the draft report at the following date, time, and location:

Date: Monday, March 15, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

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The public may also participate during the workshop via teleconference. To participate, please call USA Toll Free (888) 848-6510, and provide our pass code (tobacco smoke) and leader name (Jim Aguila). For interested parties unable to attend the workshop in person, we will be offering an internet webcast of the meeting. You may access the

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webcast at ARB's homepage, <http://www.arb.ca.gov>. For those persons wishing to provide comments or questions remotely during the webcast, an e-mail address to do so will be provided by staff at the beginning of the workshop.

Enclosed is an agenda for the workshop. You will have an opportunity to present your comments on the draft report to staff from the ARB and OEHHA. After receiving public comments, both verbal and written, we fully respond to all comments, incorporate new information, and revise the report where appropriate. These comments, along with our revised report, will be forwarded to the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on Toxic Air Contaminants, who will review the joint report for its scientific accuracy. The ARB and OEHHA staffs will present responses to the comments along with the revised report at a future SRP meeting yet to be scheduled.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Jim Aguila, Manager, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 322-8283. For questions concerning the ETS health evaluation, please contact Dr. Andrew Salmon, Manager, Air Toxics and Epidemiology Section, at (510) 622-3191.

Sincerely,


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AGENDA

**Public Workshop on the Draft Report
*Proposed Identification of Environmental Tobacco Smoke as a
Toxic Air Contaminant***

Cal/EPA Headquarters
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Sacramento, California

March 15
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentations
 - Overview of Part A (Exposure Assessment)
 - Overview of Part B (Health Evaluation)
- III. Discussion
- IV. Future Actions