June 22, 2006

TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-USE STATIONARY DIESEL ENGINES USED IN AGRICULTURE

Dear Sir/Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public consultation meeting to discuss a draft proposal to regulate existing (i.e., in-use) stationary diesel agricultural engines greater than 50 horsepower. These engines are typically used to power well and booster pumps for the irrigation of crops.

The purpose of the proposed regulatory requirements for in-use stationary diesel agricultural engines is to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) exhaust emissions. Exposure to diesel PM may result in cancer and noncancer health effects such as eye and lung irritation, allergic reactions in the lungs, and asthma exacerbation. The proposed requirements would be added as amendments to the ARB’s Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Stationary Compression Ignition Engines (ATCM) (title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 93115). The existing ATCM already regulates new and in-use non-agricultural compression-ignition engines and the sale, purchase, or lease of new stationary diesel agricultural engines.

The public consultation meeting will focus solely on the proposed in-use stationary diesel agricultural engine requirements. ARB staff will discuss the proposed regulatory requirements. Local air districts, who are the primary parties responsible for implementing measures affecting stationary sources of toxic air contaminants such as diesel PM, will be available to discuss potential local compliance assistance. Interested parties will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments at either meeting location shown below:

DATE:    July 26, 2006      July 26, 2006
TIME:    9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.    2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Colusa Agricultural Complex    Durham Veterans Memorial
          100 Sunrise Boulevard    9319 Midway
          Colusa, California  95932    Durham, California  95938
Colusa Public Meeting Directions

- From Interstate 5, exit at Williams and drive east on Highway 20 about 8 miles. At the town of Colusa, turn right at Highway 45 and drive approximately 3 miles, turn right at Sunrise Boulevard, turn right (just after the golf course) at Colusa Industrial Properties and follow the Agriculture-Air Pollution sign to the largest building.

- From Highway 99, exit at Yuba City and drive west on Highway 20 about 23 miles to Sunrise Boulevard (north of the airport).

Durham Public Meeting Directions

- If you are traveling south on Highway 99, exit at Park Avenue, drive about 0.5 mile on East Park Avenue, turn left at Midway Road and drive about 6 miles to Durham Veterans Memorial Hall.

- If you are traveling north on Highway 99, exit at Durham-Butte College sign, turn left towards Durham onto Durham-Dayton Highway and drive about 5 miles, turn left at Midway. Continue on Midway a short distance to Durham Veterans Memorial Hall.

Meeting Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Presentation and Discussion - Draft Regulatory Concepts for In-Use Stationary Diesel Agricultural Engines

III. Presentation and Discussion - Local District Perspectives
Further Information

For further information about the proposed in-use stationary diesel agricultural engine requirements, please check the website http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/ag/inuseag.htm, or contact Richard Boyd, Manager, Process Evaluation Section, at (916) 322-8285, rboyd@arb.ca.gov, or Barbara Cook, Air Pollution Specialist, Process Evaluation Section, at (916) 323-0440, bcook@arb.ca.gov. To subscribe for automatic updates on public outreach for this regulatory effort, please enroll in our electronic list serve at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/inuseag.htm.

Sincerely,

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