May 19, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold a public meeting of the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup to discuss ARB's research related activities on these fuels. Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, biodiesel characterization and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) impact study updates, NOx mitigation study, and biodiesel multimedia. We plan to have a more in-depth discussion on mitigation strategies. A draft agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup, please visit the Alternative Diesel Program webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/aldiedeal/aldiedeal.htm. This webpage contains the biodiesel link where the final agenda and staff presentation will be posted.

The time and place of the public workgroup meeting are shown below:

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2008
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: California Environmental Agency
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://inside.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053.

For your information, this workgroup meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage, http://www.arb.ca.gov. To participate by teleconference dial (888) 935-0781 and give the participant code: 6217131, and leader name: Robert Okamoto. During the webcast, we will accept comments and questions sent via email to onair@arb.ca.gov.

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.
If you have suggestions for topics to be discussed, please contact Mr. Robert Okamoto, Staff Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 327-2953 or by email at rokamot@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Robert Okamoto, Staff APS
Industrial Section
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Leader Name: Robert Okamoto

Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Update on Biodiesel Characterization and NOx impact study
   a. Fuels
   b. Engine/vehicle
   c. Test protocol
   d. Test schedule

III. NOx Mitigation Strategies
   a. Outline of test plan
   b. Strategies

IV. Biodiesel Multimedia

V. Open Discussion