March 10, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss the upcoming fuel comparison study of California (CARB) diesel and Federal Ultralow Sulfur Diesel fuels.

The Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 679 (Stats. 2006, ch. 11) requiring ARB to convene a panel of interested parties to develop a test protocol to measure the differences in oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter emissions between CARB diesel and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 ultralow sulfur highway diesel fuel.

The Diesel Fuel Comparison Study Advisory Panel (Panel) will convene at this public meeting. Discussion topics for the Panel will include, but are not limited to, discussion of alternative approaches for obtaining representative fuel samples. A proposed agenda and a list of the Panel members are enclosed. For more information regarding the Diesel Fuel Comparison Study, you may want to visit the Diesel Fuel Program webpage at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/dieselcomp/dieselcomp.htm

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

Date: Friday, March 13, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
          1001 I Street, 6th Floor
          Conference Room 620
          Sacramento, California 95814

Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Panel members noted below will be attending the meeting by teleconference from the following locations, which are accessible to the public as specified below:

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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If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Mr. Floyd Vergara at (916) 327-5986 or fvergara@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service. To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 426-8928 give the participant passcode: 69254 and leader name: Floyd Vergara.
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If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section, at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

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Agenda

I. Introduction.

II. Discussion and approval of prior meeting minutes.

III. Discussion of alternative approaches for obtaining representative fuel samples.

IV. Follow up Activities.
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Diesel Fuel Comparison Study
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