September 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 fuel comparison study of California diesel fuel and federal 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 California diesel fuel and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2006 low sulfur highway diesel fuel. This meeting will be the fourth meeting of the Diesel Fuel Comparison Study Advisory Panel (Panel).

Discussion topics for the Panel will include, but are not limited to, approval of minutes from March 13, 2009 meeting, actual properties of test fuels, preliminary results of heavy-duty-diesel engine testing, and schedule for chassis dynamometer testing of trucks. 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 meeting are shown below:

Date: Friday, September 25, 2009
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Conference Room 620, 6th Floor

Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Panel members noted below will be attending the meeting by teleconference from the locations noted below, which are accessible to the public. To access the ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Systems Center, visit http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/dieselcomp/dieselcomp.htm.

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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To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 935-0781 give the participant passcode: 8531424 and leader name: Floyd Vergara.
If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

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Proposed Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2009 Meeting

II. Discussion of Fuel Procurement  
   a. Properties of Test Fuels

III. Preliminary Results of Engine Testing

IV. Schedule for Chassis Dynamometer Testing

V. Advisory Panel Discussion  
   a. Open Discussion

VI. Adjourn
Enclosure 2

Diesel Fuel Comparison Study
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