September 22, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

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

California has had in place a diesel fuel regulation that promotes and mandates clean burning diesel within the State. Recently, Federal diesel fuel regulations have been modified to reduce sulfur levels to accommodate advanced diesel engines and aftertreatment systems. The Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 679 (AB 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency’s 2006 ultralow sulfur highway diesel fuel.

Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, comments received regarding the recently posted draft test plan, CARB and Federal diesel fuel properties, and emission test cycle selection. A proposed agenda is 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/diesel.htm.

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

- **Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008
- **Time:** 10:00am to 12:00pm
- **Location:** California Environmental Protection Agency, 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sierra Hearing Room, Sacramento, California 95814

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*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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ARB’s homepage, http://www.arb.ca.gov. To participate by teleconference dial
(877) 709-5342, give the participant passcode: 61086, and the leader name:
Floyd Vergara. During the webcast, we will also accept comments and questions sent
via email to sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov.

If you have questions about the meeting or the proposed agenda, please call
Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager
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Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Background

III. Project schedule

IV. Revisions to the draft test plan

V. Comments regarding diesel fuel properties
   a. Federal ULSD
   b. CARB ULSD

VI. Update on the selection of test engines and vehicles

VII. Open discussion