TO:  ALL CALIFORNIA WASTEHAULER FLEETS
CALIFORNIA REFUSE REMOVAL COUNCIL
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT:  ADVISORY ON 2008 COMPLIANCE DEADLINE FOR GROUP 2 (ENGINE MODEL YEAR 1960-1987) SOLID WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES

The purpose of this Advisory is to remind owners and operators of solid waste collection vehicle (SWCV or waste collection) fleets that 80 percent of their Group 2a (15 or more SWCV in the total fleet) or 50 percent of Group 2b (4 to 14 SWCV in the total fleet) vehicles need to meet the compliance requirements of the regulation by December 31, 2008.

For the past two years, group 2 waste collection vehicles have received compliance extensions based on section 2021.1(d)(2)(A) of the Regulation which states that ARB’s Executive Officer shall grant a blanket one-year compliance extension if a diesel emission control strategy is not verified for an engine. The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) has now verified new diesel emission control strategies to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) from these older engines. A listing of all ARB verified devices is available at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm. This list is updated regularly as new devices or control strategies are verified. As such, this extension will not be granted as the verified diesel emission control devices are now available for use on the Group 2 engines.

However, if a control strategy is available, but has been determined to be incompatible with an engine/vehicle combination, the owner may apply for an individual vehicle extension provided that best available control technology (BACT) has been applied to all other Group 2 vehicles as required. A Technical analysis, justification, and/or documentation from the device manufacturer must be provided with the request for a compliance extension, as well as the documentation of BACT implementation on the remaining vehicles in the group.
A notification, by letter, to ARB requesting a compliance extension must be made by July 1, 2008, for the December 31, 2008, compliance deadline. Compliance extension requests received by ARB after July 1, 2008, will be denied. Letters may be sent to:

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Should you have any questions about this advisory, please contact Ms. Kathleen Mead, Manager, at (916) 324-9550 or email at kmead@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/  
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