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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revisions to California's State Implementation Plans (SIP) for the federal fine particulate matter (PM2.5) standard. On April 28, 2011, the Board approved for adoption revisions to the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 SIPs primarily to account for State and local rulemaking actions that will reduce PM2.5 precursor emissions by the 2014 attainment deadline. This SIP revision updates three elements of the PM2.5 SIPs for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley: ARB's rulemaking calendar, transportation conformity budgets, and reasonable further progress calculations. Revisions to the local element of the South Coast PM2.5 SIP have also been approved by ARB and are being submitted under separate cover letter.

The submittal includes one hard copy and one identical electronic copy of the following materials (enclosed):

1. The Progress Report on Implementation of PM2.5 SIPs for the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley Air Basins and Proposed SIP Revisions (Progress Report and Proposed SIP Revisions). The Progress Report and Appendices "A", "E", and "G" are being transmitted for informational purposes. The specific SIP submittal that the Board approved for adoption is as follows:
 - Appendix B: Rulemaking Calendar.
 - Appendix C: Reasonable Further Progress Tables.
 - Appendix D: Transportation Conformity Budgets.
2. ARB Resolution 11-24 approving the Progress Report and Proposed SIP Revisions.

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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3. Executive Order S-11-010 finalizing the adoption of the Progress Report and Proposed SIP Revisions.
4. Public Hearing Notice evidence and transcripts of the April 28, 2011 ARB Board Hearing to consider approval of the Progress Report and Proposed SIP Revisions.
5. SIP completeness checklist.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739 or have your staff contact Mr. Douglas Ito, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 322-0285.

Sincerely,



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