April 11, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

As part of our continuing efforts to reduce diesel particulate matter (diesel PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions in California, Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff is evaluating the need to include emission control requirements for crew and supply boats as an amendment to the Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation that was approved by the Board in November 2007. We invite you to participate in a Commercial Harbor Craft public workshop on May 7, 2008 to discuss this effort. At the meeting, staff will also discuss the results of a recent excursion vessel survey.

The Commercial Harbor Craft workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: May 7, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time)
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast will be available. The broadcast can be accessed at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/ on the day of the workshop.

A preliminary agenda for the workshop is enclosed. The final agenda and any other relevant materials will be available on our website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/harborcraft prior to the meeting. Hard copy materials will also be available on the day of the meeting. If you did not receive this letter directly but would like to be on the mailing list for future notification, please sign up via our website above. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer disk. Please contact ARB’s Reasonable Accommodation/Disabilities Coordinator at 916.323.4916 by voice, or through the California Relay Service by calling 711, to place your request for disability services.

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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We welcome and appreciate your participation in this effort. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Todd Sterling, Air Pollution Specialist, at 916.445.1034 or via email at tsterlin@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Cherie Rainforth, Manager, Control Strategies Section, at 916.327.7213 or via email at crainfor@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview
3. Staff Presentations
   • Crew, Supply, and Pilot Boat Survey
   • Excursion Vessel Survey and Emissions Inventory
4. Next Steps