March 1, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on March 23, 2004, to discuss development of a regulation to reduce oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions from in-use diesel-fueled engines on commercial harbor craft. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: March 23, 2004
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PDT)
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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

A preliminary agenda is attached for your information. At the workshop, we will devote time to discussing the motivation for this undertaking, the expected timeline and process for regulation development, and options that are available to reduce emissions from in-use diesel-fueled engines. We will also discuss several efforts currently underway including updating the emissions inventory for harbor craft, demonstration of potential emission reduction strategies, and the use of cleaner fuels by commercial harbor craft operating in California.

The formal meeting agenda and any relevant handouts will be available on our web site for your review at http://www.arb.ca.gov/port/marinevess/marinevess.htm prior to the workshop. The 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 web site at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/lists.htm.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 327-1505 or lkeifer@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech

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.
users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service. For public transit information, please contact Regional Transit at (916) 321-BUSS or view the transportation information on the California Environmental Protection Agency's web site at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm.

We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have general questions regarding the March 23rd public workshop or the ATCM for diesel-fueled commercial harbor craft, please contact Mr. Todd Sterling, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-1034 or Ms. Peggy Taricco, Manager, Technical Analysis Section, at (916) 327-7213.

Sincerely,

/s/

Daniel E. Donohoue, Chief
Emissions Assessment Branch

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    Stationary Source Division

Mr. Todd Sterling
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Public Workshop Meeting to Discuss

Reducing Emissions from Commercial Harbor Craft

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Preliminary Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview and Background
3. Specific Presentations and Discussion
   • 2002 California Harbor Craft Survey Results
   • Emissions Inventory Update
   • Options to Reduce Emissions from Diesel-fueled Engines
   • Cleaner Fuels for Commercial Marine Harbor Craft
   • U.S. EPA Efforts
4. Next Steps
***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

In an effort to reduce costs wherever feasible, all future meeting notices regarding Commercial Harbor Craft Regulatory Activities will be sent via e-mail using our newly formed Commercial Harbor Craft list server. In order to do this, we need to update our list with your e-mail address.

You may:

1. Visit our website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/lists.htm, and follow the instructions to subscribe to our Commercial Harbor Craft e-mail list server online; or
2. Send an e-mail message to lwilliam@arb.ca.gov, and include your name and postal address so that we can remove you from our paper copy distribution list and add you to our e-mail list server.

The Air Resources Board will not share your name or e-mail address with anyone. Your e-mail address will be added to the Commercial Harbor Craft e-mail list server only, and the notices we send will pertain to the subject of commercial harbor craft regulatory activities.

If you wish to continue to have paper copies of the meeting notices mailed to you, please provide us with the information requested below by April 16, 2004.

Name: __________________________________________
Company: ________________________________________
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City, State, Zip Code: ________________________________
Country: __________________________________________

Please call, fax, or mail your information to:

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