November 7, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invite you to participate in a public meeting to discuss draft implementation guidance for the alternative compliance plan (ACP) and alternative control of emissions (ACE) provisions of the cargo handling equipment and ocean-going ship auxiliary engine regulations. The regulations were approved by the Board in December 2005 and are expected to become effective January 1, 2007.

The ACP and ACE provisions were included in the regulations to provide affected industries with additional compliance flexibility and encourage the application of innovative emission reduction technologies. At this meeting, we will be discussing the draft guidance document, which is available on our website at the following address: http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/documents/draftguidance1106.pdf.

The meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Date: November 29, 2006
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)
Location: CalEPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

For those who cannot attend in person, the meeting will be available via audio teleconference. The call-in number is 877.709.5339 (+1-210-795-2680 for international callers), the passcode is 34208, and the leader’s name is Lisa Williams.

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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.
We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have general questions regarding the meeting, please contact Ms. Lisa Williams at 916.327.1498 or via e-mail at lwilliam@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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