NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF CALIFORNIA MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE INFORMATION

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a public meeting to further review and discuss approved amendments to the regulation that requires the availability of emission-related service information for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, medium-duty vehicles, and heavy-duty vehicles. These amendments were approved by the Board at the January 22, 2004, hearing. This public meeting shall take place as follows:

DATE: May 20, 2004
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Central Valley Auditorium, Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., May 20, 2004, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., May 21, 2004. This item might not be considered until May 21, 2004. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before May 20, 2004, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

The facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact the ARB’s Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-5594 or landreon@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

At the January 22, 2004, hearing, the Board unanimously approved amendments to the original service information regulation. Among other things, the amendments broaden the scope of the regulation to include 2007 model year and later heavy-duty vehicles equipped with on-board diagnostic (OBD) systems. The staff’s update to the Board and the Board-approved amendments also addressed the issue of information access for immobilizer anti-theft system initialization. In conjunction with its approval of the amendments, the Board directed the staff to meet with affected stakeholders and report back on the following issues at the time that the Board considers adopting OBD requirements for heavy-duty vehicles:

1. Manufacturer liability issues related to the potential misuse of heavy-duty data stream information, bi-directional information, and diagnostic and reprogramming tools made available for purchase to aftermarket technicians.

2. Continued concerns of aftermarket stakeholders that the technical solution identified by ARB staff to facilitate bench testing of remanufactured light duty
vehicle on-board computers equipped with immobilizer anti-theft strategies is not feasible.

The Board also indicated at the January 22 hearing that it would accept additional comments on its adoption of service information requirements for heavy-duty vehicles in light of new staff proposals for OBD requirements.

Inquiries concerning these issues may be directed either Mr. Dean Hermano, Air Resources Engineer, at (626) 459-4487, or Mr. Allen Lyons, Chief, Mobile Source Operations Division at (626) 450-6156. All regulatory documents related to the approved amendments are available on the following ARB Internet site: http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/cmvsip04/cmvsip04.htm

The public may present comments relating to this matter orally or in writing at the hearing, and in writing or by e-mail before the hearing. To be considered by the Board, written submissions not physically submitted at the hearing must be received no later than 12:00 noon, May 19, 2004, and addressed to the following:

Postal Mail is to be sent to:

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 “I” Street, 23rd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic mail is to be sent to: cmvsip04@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB by no later than 12:00 noon, May 19, 2004.

Facsimile submissions are to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-3928 and received at the ARB no later than 12:00 noon, May 19, 2004.

The Board requests, but does not require, 30 copies of any written statement be submitted and that all written statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the hearing so that ARB staff and Board Members have time to fully consider each comment. The ARB encourages members of the public to bring any suggestions for modification of the regulatory language, relative to the above issues, to the attention of staff in advance of the hearing.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Date: April 27, 2004