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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to let you know that the revised staff report entitled "Environmental Impact Assessment of tertiary-Butyl Acetate (TBAC)" has been released for public review and is available on the internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/reactivity/reactivity.htm>.

The draft report was recently completed by Air Resources Board staff, in conjunction with staff from Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, State Water Resources Control Board, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control in coordination with other stakeholders. The report reflects revisions to the March 2002 draft.

The primary revision to the March 2002 report includes the addition of an ozone health benefit analysis associated with a potential reduction in ozone due to increased use of TBAC. Based on a comprehensive multi-agency review, staff recommends that TBAC be excluded from the definition of VOCs in the California Consumer Products Regulations. Staff's recommendation in the report is as follows:

"Staff recommends exempting TBAC from the definition of VOC from the California Consumer Products Regulations based on its low reactivity. However, staff will further evaluate appropriate consumer products categories that are most likely to use TBAC, to determine whether or not use in these products could pose unacceptable exposures. If staff determines that the use of TBAC in certain products could cause unacceptable exposures, we will propose appropriate mitigation measures in the Consumer Products Regulations at the time the exemption is proposed as an amendment. We further encourage the air pollution control districts in California, as they update their applicable rules, to also determine whether or not use of TBAC in certain products would pose unacceptable exposures."

If you have comments, please submit them to Dr. Dongmin Luo, Research Division, California Air Resources Board, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812. The comment period for this report will close August 1, 2005, after which the report will be finalized. A public meeting to discuss the TBAC assessment and next steps will be conducted as part of a future Consumer Products Working Group meeting. The time and location of

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the meeting will be announced on ARB's website as well as sent to the applicable list serves.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-7077 or rcorey@arb.ca.gov, or Dr. Dongmin Luo, at (916) 324-8496 or dluo@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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