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May 6, 2003

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request your assistance in completing a brief questionnaire regarding the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Compliance Plan(s) that you submitted on behalf of one or more hospitals or medical centers. The questionnaire will allow us to determine if the OSHPD Compliance Plan(s) you submitted includes the scheduled replacement of diesel-fueled emergency standby engines.

We are making this request to gather information that will help us evaluate the impacts from a regulation the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is developing. The regulation, also referred to as an airborne toxic control measure (ATCM), is designed to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions from stationary diesel-fueled engines. Many hospitals and healthcare centers use stationary diesel-fueled engines as emergency back-up power generators. In developing the ATCM, we met with the California Healthcare Association and became aware that many hospitals have submitted OSHPD Compliance Plans that require the replacement of their existing diesel-fueled emergency back-up power generators. From that meeting and subsequent correspondence, we developed the following ATCM exemption language for hospitals with approved OSHPD Compliance Plans:

The requirements defined in subsections (f)(2) [(f)(2) refers to the section of the ATCM that defines the emission standards and operating requirements these engines would otherwise be required to meet] do not apply to permitted in-use emergency standby stationary diesel-fueled compression ignition engines that will be removed from service or replaced prior to January 1, 2009, in accordance with an approved Office of Statewide Health Planning Development (OSHPD) Compliance Plan.

We would appreciate it if you would complete and return the enclosed questionnaire by May 23, 2003. An electronic version is also available for your convenience on our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/documents/oshpd.htm>. You may either fax the

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questionnaire to us at (916) 327-6251, e-mail it to Ms. Lisa Williams at lwilliam@arb.ca.gov, or conventional mail your response(s) to the following address:

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Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 327-5638 or Ms. Lisa Williams at (916) 327-1498.

Sincerely,

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