September 18, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold a public meeting of the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup to discuss ARB’s research related activities on these fuels. Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, updates to on-road engine and vehicle tests and discussions on non-road test protocols. A draft agenda is enclosed. For updated information regarding the biodiesel/renewable diesel workgroup, please visit the Alternative Diesel Program webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm. This webpage contains the biodiesel link where the final agenda and staff presentation will be posted.

The time and place of the public workgroup meeting are shown below:

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Location: California Environmental Agency
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://inside.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053.

For your information, this workgroup meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB’s homepage, http://www.arb.ca.gov. To participate by teleconference dial (800) 369-2013 and give the participant code: 61086, and leader name: Mr. Floyd Vergara. During the webcast, we will accept comments and questions sent via email to sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov.
If you have suggestions for topics to be discussed, please contact Mr. Robert Okamoto, Staff Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 327-2953 or by email at rokamot@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Smeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Robert Okamoto, Staff APS
    Industrial Section
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Leader Name: Mr. Floyd Vergara

Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Update on Biodiesel Characterization and NOx impact study
   a. Fuels
   b. Engine/vehicle tests
   c. Test schedule

III. NOx Mitigation Strategies
    a. Test plan
    b. Additives
    c. Alternative fuel blends
    d. Matched blending

IV. Open Discussion