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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Cargo Handling Equipment Survey

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find enclosed a copy of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Cargo Handling Equipment Survey (Survey). The purpose of this Survey is to collect current and projected growth information for cargo handling equipment used at ports and intermodal rail yards in the State. Responses to the Survey will provide the ARB with information that will help improve the statewide emissions inventory for off-road mobile sources and provide data for estimating costs and effectiveness of proposed regulatory strategies. The survey asks for engine and equipment information (such as model, year, horsepower, fuel type, hours of operation, etc.), emission controls (such as diesel oxidation catalysts, diesel particulate filters, etc.), and forecasted growth. Below are answers to some questions you may have regarding the Survey.

What cargo handling equipment is being surveyed?

For the purposes of this Survey, "cargo handling equipment" refers to any mobile off-road equipment used to lift or move container, bulk, or liquid cargo carried by ship, train, or another vehicle. Equipment includes but is not limited to cranes (including rubber-tired gantry cranes), yard tractors, top handlers, side handlers, forklifts, loaders, sweepers, excavators, reach stackers, and dozers.

Does the ARB have legal authority to request the Survey information?

Yes. State law authorizes the ARB to request and gather the information required to determine if regulations are needed to protect public health.

What will the ARB do with the completed Survey?

We will enter the information into a database for analysis. The results of this analysis may be discussed at future workshops and summarized in our technical documents. A confidentiality statement is included with the survey for you to complete if you wish us to treat the information you provide as confidential.

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>.

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When does the ARB need the completed Survey?

Please complete and return your Survey by January 31, 2005. You may either fax it to us at 916.327.6251, or mail it to the following address:

California Air Resources Board
Attention: Lisa Williams
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

The Survey is also available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat) on our web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/cargo/documents/survey.htm>.
Surveys completed electronically can be e-mailed to lwilliam@arb.ca.gov.

Who should I contact if I have questions regarding the Survey?

You may contact Ms. Lisa Williams at 916.327.1498 or lwilliam@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. John Lee at 916.327.5975 or jlee@arb.ca.gov.

We appreciate your assistance in making this effort successful. It is very important to us that valid and accurate data be collected to ensure that future policy decisions are based on the best information available.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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