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Dear Sir or Madam:

The preliminary results of the 2001 Consumer & Commercial Products Survey (survey) are available for review and comment. The purpose of the survey was to gather current information on volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from 48 selected product categories. At the date of this letter, just over 400 companies have responded, reporting almost 7,000 products. The survey data we collected will be used to update ARB's consumer products emissions inventory and assist us as we evaluate the feasibility of further reducing consumer products emissions. The preliminary data summaries are available at http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/cprwg/cprwg.htm. For more information on the how the survey process was conducted, see the survey website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/2001surv/2001surv.htm.

We will be presenting and discussing the preliminary data summaries at the Consumer Products Workgroup (Workgroup) Meeting on October 21, 2003 (see meeting notice at http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/cprwg/102103mtg2.pdf). As you review the data summaries, you may notice that some information has been omitted. To protect confidentiality of responding companies, we have withheld selected information in the cases of a few products, a few companies, and a few products of a particular form within a given category. In addition, the quantity of many ingredients that were reported has been withheld from specific tables to protect confidentiality. For more information on the methods used to protect confidentiality, see the "Format Overview and Explanation" document which is included with the data summaries.

We are currently conducting shelf surveys and plan to work with stakeholders to adjust the reported total VOC emissions in categories where the survey market coverage is low. We are also reviewing market information and may purchase bar-code data as needed to verify the reported pounds of product sold.

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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If you have comments regarding the preliminary data summaries, please submit them by November 10, 2003. You may provide your comments, or request the data summaries on CD-ROM (available in limited quantity), via email or in writing using the following addresses:

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For questions regarding the preliminary data summaries, please contact Mr. David Mallory, Manager, Measures Development Section, at (916) 445-8316 or by email at dmallory@arb.ca.gov, or contact Ms. Michelle Byars, at (916) 324-9551 or by email at mbyars@arb.ca.gov. We appreciate your interest and assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

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