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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to invite you to participate in upcoming stakeholder workgroup meetings to discuss the evaluation of the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Chrome Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing. As part of our evaluation, we have begun an emissions testing program at decorative chromium plating facilities. The goal of this testing program is to help us better characterize hexavalent chromium emissions from decorative chromium tanks controlled with fume suppressants. The primary focus of these meetings will be to present emission test results from four source tests conducted at three decorative chromium plating facilities. We will put the results in perspective and describe what we have learned from these tests. We will also discuss how the results to date will help us plan for the next source tests.

To accommodate stakeholders statewide, we are conducting the workgroup meetings in the three locations shown below. The same information will be presented at each meeting. An agenda and the Source Test Reports to be discussed at the meetings are enclosed. If you need directions, please contact the person listed for the meeting you plan to attend.

The time and locations of the meetings are as follow:

Central California Workgroup

Date: December 9th, 2003
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
Sequoia Conference Room
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726
Contact: Mr. Martin Keast
(559) 230-5880

Northern California Workgroup

Date: December 10th, 2003
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Conference Room – 4th Floor
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, California 94109
Contact: Mr. Randy Frazier
(415) 749-4672

Southern California Workgroup

Date:	December 11th, 2003	Location:	Air Resources Board Annex 4 Auditorium 9530 Telstar Ave El Monte, California 91731
Time:	1:00 p.m.		Contact: Ms. Shobna Sahni (626) 575-7039

As you review the reports, please keep in mind that the emission rate results from these tests SHOULD NOT be used to calculate hexavalent chromium emissions from each facility. This is because facilities tested have additional add-on controls to further reduce emissions and their production was sometimes supplemented to ensure an adequate sample was collected. Therefore, if the results are used to calculate actual hexavalent chromium emissions, they will not be accurate. This will be further explained at the meetings.

We look forward to meeting and working with you as we continue this evaluation. If you have general questions regarding the meetings, please contact Ms. Shobna Sahni, Air Pollution Specialist, at (626) 575-7039.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Mr. Jose Saldana at (916) 322-0289, or by e-mail at jsaldana@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Enclosure

Chromium Plating Stakeholders' Workgroup Meetings

December 2003
Agenda

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II. Regulatory Background and Activity

   i. Federal
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   iii. Review of Available Source Test Data

IV. Decorative Chromium Plating Emissions Testing Program

   i. Overview
   ii. Results
   iii. Discussion

V. Proposed Method 425 revisions

VI. Next Steps