State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER I-14-009

Independent Contractor Approval Pursuant to
California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 91207

Best Environmental

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Section 41512, has established the procedures contained in California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 91200 and following, to allow the use of independent testers for compliance tests required by ARB;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Best Environmental meets the requirements of ARB for performing ARB Test Methods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, 100 (CO, CO_2, NO_x, O_2, SO_2, THC), 431, 501, Visible Emissions Evaluation (VEE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Test Methods 15A, 201A and 202 pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., Title 17, Section 91200 and following, when the following conditions are met:

1. Best Environmental permanently marks or engraves an identification number on the body of each of its pitot tubes in accordance with Section 2.1 of ARB Test Method 2;

2. Best Environmental uses caps on all probes, nozzles, lines, and/or impingers in accordance with Section 4.2 of ARB Test Method 5;

3. Best Environmental uses a 40 percent H_2/60 percent He or a 40 percent H_2/60 percent N_2 blend, as appropriate, as fuel for its hydrocarbon analyzer;

4. The person performing VEE passed ARB Compliance Training Course #100: Fundamentals of Enforcement (FOE)/Visible Emissions Evaluation (Smoke School) and is currently certified to conduct VEE. Any recertification for VEE, following the initial passage of ARB's FOE, must be from a certifying body recognized by ARB at the time VEE is performed;

5. Best Environmental acquires and uses a 10 ml glass burette with 0.05 ml graduations in accordance with Section 6.2 of U.S. EPA Test Method 15A;

6. Best Environmental successfully conducts a system performance check in accordance with Section 8.5 of U.S. EPA Test Method 15A, to validate the sampling train components and procedure for each test, and to validate each test run. It must conduct a performance check in the field before each test consisting of at least two samples, and perform an additional performance check after each 3-hour run or after three 1-hour samples;

7. Best Environmental calibrates its metering system, temperature sensors, barometer, and standardizes its barium perchlorate solution in accordance with Section 10.1 of U.S. EPA Test Method 15A and establishes and maintains a log of the calibrations and standardizations;

8. Best Environmental acquires and uses a 300 to 500 ml glass beaker in accordance with Section 6.2.2 (c) of U.S. EPA Test Method 202;

9. Best Environmental acquires and uses a 0 to 100 ml glass burette in 0.1 ml graduations in accordance with Section 6.2.2 (f) of U.S. EPA Test Method 202;

10. Best Environmental participates in U.S. EPA Stationary Source Compliance Audit Program for ARB Test Method 8; and

WHEREAS, ARB Executive Officer, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Section 39516, issued Executive Order G-02-008, delegating to the Chief of ARB Monitoring and Laboratory Division (MLD) the authority to approve independent testers in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., Title 17, Section 91200 and following.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael T. Benjamin, Chief of MLD, order that Best Environmental is granted approval from the date of execution of this order until June 30, 2016, to perform the test methods identified above subject to compliance with Cal. Code Regs., Title 17, Section 91200 and following.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that during the approved period the Executive Officer or his authorized representative may field audit one or more tests performed pursuant to this order for each test method identified above.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 13th day of May 2014.

Michael Benjamin

Dr. Michael T. Benjamin, Chief
Monitoring and Laboratory Division