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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM FUNDING AND GUIDELINE REVISIONS

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in two public workshops to discuss Proposition 1B funding for the Lower-Emission School Bus Program and draft concepts for revisions to the Lower-Emission School Bus Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Lower-Emission School Bus Program provides incentive grants to reduce school children's exposure to harmful pollutants through new bus purchases and through the installation of retrofit technologies on existing buses.

Proposition 1B, approved by California voters on November 7th, 2006, enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 to authorize \$200 million for replacing and retrofitting school buses. These funds have been appropriated to the ARB through the 2007 Budget Act signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on August 24, 2007, and will be implemented through the ARB's Lower-Emission School Bus Program.

The Lower-Emission School Bus Program Guidelines provide local air districts and the California Energy Commission (CEC) with the criteria for selecting eligible school bus projects and the protocols for administering the program. At the workshops, the ARB staff plans to discuss draft regional funding allocations and draft concepts for revisions to the Guidelines. Copies of handouts will be available on site the day of the workshops. The workshops will be held at two locations:

El Monte

DATE: Tuesday, September 18, 2007
TIME: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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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Sacramento*

DATE: Thursday, September 20, 2007
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

*Workshop will be web cast

For those unable to attend in person, the Sacramento workshop on September 20, 2007, will also be web cast. On the day of the workshop, the web cast can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> . Staff's presentation will be posted the day of the workshop on ARB's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/arbschoolbus.htm> .

If you need disability-related accommodation, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053. We welcome your participation.

If you have questions regarding the workshops or the Guideline revisions, please contact Ms. Lisa Jennings, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-6913 or at ljennings@arb.ca.gov or contact Ms. Kimya Lambert, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2507 or at klambert@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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