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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: AB 32 PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED
REGULATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM
ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY TRACTORS AND 53-FOOT OR LONGER
BOX-TYPE TRAILERS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss a proposed regulation to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from on-road heavy-duty tractors and trailers operating in the State of California. Specifically, the proposed regulation would apply to long haul heavy-duty tractors that haul 53-foot or longer box-type trailers (i.e., dry vans, refrigerated vans, and curtain-side vans) and to 53-foot or longer box-type trailers hauled by such tractors. The proposed requirements would apply to tractor/trailer owners and operators, motor carriers, brokers, and California based businesses that receive or ship freight in 53-foot or longer box-type trailers.

This rulemaking, which is based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary [SmartWaySM Transport Partnership](#) program, aims to reduce GHG and criteria pollutant emissions by improving the efficiency of long haul trucking through the use of technologies that reduce aerodynamic drag and rolling resistance. At the workshop, ARB staff will discuss the proposal, respond to questions, and receive comments.

Staff will also conduct another series of workshops (already noticed) in conjunction with the [In-use On-road Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Vehicles Regulation](#) workshop in various locations of the State between May 21, 2008 and June 10, 2008¹ and these workshops will focus on the requirements that affect owners and operators of on-road heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles. In addition, the proposed regulation to be presented at the three workshops listed below is similar in content to the other series of workshops but will focus primarily on requirements affecting California businesses that ship and/or receive freight in 53-foot box-type trailers, owners of 53-foot box-type trailers, and other businesses that are involved in the transportation of freight in 53-foot box-type trailers.

¹ http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/smartway/May_June_2008_Workshop_Notice.pdf

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>.

The workshops will be held in Sacramento, El Monte, and San Diego on the dates and times listed below.

<u>Sacramento</u>	<u>El Monte</u>
Date: Friday, June 6, 2008 Time: 9:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Webcast available) Location: Air Resources Board Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814 http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm	Date: Thursday, June 12, 2008 Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 p.m. Location: Air Resources Board Auditorium, Annex 4 9530 Telstar Avenue El Monte, California 91731 http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/elmomaps.htm

<u>San Diego</u>
Date: Friday, June 13, 2008 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: California Department of Transportation District 11 Garcia Room 4050 Taylor Street San Diego, California 92110 http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/

Workshop Materials

An agenda of the workshop and a draft of the proposal will be posted on ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/smartway/smartway.htm> prior to the first workshop date. If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the Heavy-Duty Vehicle GHG Reduction Measure, please sign up at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/smartway.htm>.

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For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcasting) will be available at our Sacramento workshop on June 6, 2008; however, the remaining workshops will not be webcast. The Sacramento broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>.

Comments or questions about the proposed regulation or related matters can be directed to Mr. Daniel Hawelti, Air Resources Engineer at dhawelti@arb.ca.gov or (626) 450-6149.

Sincerely,

/s/

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