



October 1, 2007

Robert DuVall
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mr. DuVall:

In response to your e-mail about the development of the California Air Resources Board Scoping Plan, and the related workshop schedule, I am passing along some information about Duraflame's new, bio-wax firelogs. The new firelogs burn cleaner than the old firelogs and they are now 100 -percent renewable. We are encouraging air districts to recommend them as a way to reduce particulate emissions in their jurisdictions.

Based on independent research, using Duraflame's new bio-wax firelogs instead of cordwood is an excellent way to substantially reduce fireplace emissions. In fact, some air districts in the West already advocate the use of firelogs as a best practice when discussing ways to reduce residential wood smoke.

Duraflame's recent switch to bio-wax from petroleum wax in its products marked a sea change in the company's manufacturing process—petroleum wax had been used for over 30 years. Duraflame is proudly the first firelog company to make the line-wide switch to bio-wax.

We anticipate the change will displace an estimated 100 million pounds of petroleum-based fuel annually; greenhouse emissions will be reduced by an amount roughly equivalent to the carbon dioxide emitted by 62,000 automobiles a year.

If you are interested in learning more, I encourage you to read the materials enclosed in the packet. We often work with air districts and agencies to develop collaborative public education campaigns, and we'd be happy to talk to you about firelogs as a cleaner fireplace alternative.

Thanks for all that you do for air quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Caron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Caron
Vice President, Duraflame