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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

December 22, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

The preliminary results of the 2003 Consumer & Commercial Products Survey (survey) are available for review and comment. The purpose of the survey was to gather current information on volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions from approximately 250 product categories. At the date of this letter, just over 915 companies have responded, reporting almost 26,000 products. The survey data we collected will be used to update the California Air Resources Board's consumer products emissions inventory and assist us as we evaluate the feasibility of further reducing consumer products emissions. The preliminary data summaries are available at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/2003surv/datasum2003.htm>. For more information on how the survey process was conducted, see the survey website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/2003surv/2003surv.htm>.

We will be presenting and discussing the preliminary data summaries at the Consumer Products Workgroup (Workgroup) Meeting in mid-January 2006 (separate notice will be sent). As you review the data summaries, you may notice that some information has been omitted. To protect confidentiality of responding companies, we have withheld selected information in cases where few products of a particular form are reported within a given category. In some cases, we have removed clearly non-reportable products or those with incomplete data, and may have moved grossly miscategorized products. In addition, the quantity of many reported ingredients has been withheld from specific tables to protect confidentiality. For more information on the methods used to protect confidentiality, see the "Format Overview and Explanation" document included in the data summaries.

We are continuing to work with some companies to complete their survey submission. Upon completion, this information will be added to our database. We are also currently conducting shelf surveys and plan to work with stakeholders to adjust the reported total VOC emissions in categories where the market coverage is low. We are also reviewing market information and may purchase bar-code data as needed to verify the reported quantities of product sold.

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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If you have comments regarding the preliminary data summaries and wish to have the issue discussed at the Workgroup meeting, please submit your comments by January 13, 2006. We will continue to take comments on the data summaries on an ongoing basis. If you have identified any major errors or are aware of any significant omissions from the data summaries, please include them in your submission of comments. You may provide your comments via email or in writing using the following addresses:

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 jdean@arb.ca.gov

Written Comments: California Air Resources Board
 SSD, Measures Development Section
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 Attn: Jessica Dean, Data Summary Comments

For further questions regarding the preliminary data summaries, please contact Mr. David Mallory, Manager, Measures Development Section, at (916) 445-8316 or by email at dmallory@arb.ca.gov, or contact Ms. Jessica Dean at (916) 322-2362 or by email at jdean@arb.ca.gov. We appreciate your interest and assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,


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