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Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to join us on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. (PDT) for two public workshops to discuss development of 1) proposed amendments to the consumer products regulation and ongoing consumer products program activities, and 2) proposed amendments to the tables of MIR (reactivity) values for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC).

Consumer Products Program Public Workshop

This is the second workshop regarding the consumer product proposals that will be presented to the Board on September 24, 2009. Specifically, we intend to discuss the proposed amendments, proposed regulatory categories and the rulemaking schedule. This rulemaking is focused on three specific categories: Air Fresheners (double phase aerosol), Multi-Purpose Solvents, and Paint Thinners. In March of this year we released draft proposals related to this rulemaking and on April 1, 2009, we held the first public workshop. We anticipate releasing proposed regulatory language and other meeting handouts, prior to the August 4th workshop, at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/regact/tscpwg/tscpwg.htm>. Notification will be sent via ARB's Consumer Products Program email list when new materials are posted.

In addition to VOC limits for the three specific categories, we are also proposing other regulatory modifications affecting Exemptions, Administrative Requirements and Reporting Requirements. We are also proposing modifications to ARB Test Method 310 to accommodate lower VOC limits that will soon be effective. Finally, we are proposing other minor clarifications to the regulation.

Reactivity Program Public Workshop

In conjunction with the consumer products regulation amendments, we will discuss development of proposed amendments to the tables of MIR (reactivity) values for VOCs. This will be the first public workshop regarding reactivity proposals that will be presented at a public hearing on November 3, 2009, in Sacramento. When the Board approved regulations containing maximum incremental reactivity (MIR) values, it required periodic reviews of MIR values and revisions, if necessary. The Board also directed that amendments to update the MIR values be conducted through an Executive Officer Public Hearing, due to their technical nature.

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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Dr. Bill Carter recently submitted an updated report, "Updated Maximum Incremental Reactivity Scale and Hydrocarbon Bin Reactivities for Regulatory Applications", and an associated spreadsheet "HCcalc", posted at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/reactivity/reactivity.htm>. We intend to use the MIR values in this report as the basis for the revision to be considered at the hearing.

This report presents an updated table of MIR values for quantifying relative ground-level ozone impacts of VOCs and a revised "bin" method to derive MIR values for complex hydrocarbon solvents. The revised method derives a chemical composition for each hydrocarbon bin, and uses MIR values for each constituent to calculate the MIR value for each bin. Please review the report and its list of compounds and mixtures with MIR values, and let us know on or before August 4, 2009, if you have any comments or any additional substances that should be listed.

Participant Information

We look forward to your participation. The workshops will be held at ARB's Monitoring and Laboratory Division Building, 1927 13th Street, First Floor Conference Room, in Sacramento, California. You may attend in person or participate via teleconference. The following information is needed to participate via teleconference:

Date and Time:	Tuesday, August 4 at 9:30 a.m. (PDT)
Call-in Time:	Between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Toll Free Number:	(888) 889-6350 (U.S. callers)
Toll Number:	(415) 228-4886 (International callers)
Passcode:	CONSUMER PRO

The most current information available on the ARB Consumer Products Program can be found at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/consprod/consprod.htm>. From this address, you can sign up for ARB's Consumer Products Program email list, which will send you an email notice when any new information is posted to the Consumer Products website.

The most current information available on the ARB Reactivity Program can be found at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/reactivity/reactivity.htm>. To stay up-to-date on new postings to this website, and for current information on Reactivity Events, please subscribe to the ARB's Reactivity Mailing List Server.

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Trish Johnson at (916) 445-3365 tjohnson@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than

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ten business days, before the August 4th workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

If you have any questions about this letter or the regulatory development process for consumer products, please contact Mr. David Mallory, Manager, Measures Development Section at (916) 445-8316, or by email at dmallory@arb.ca.gov. If you have any questions about the reactivity regulatory process, please contact Mr. Dongmin Luo, Manager, Air Quality and Climate Science Section at (916) 324-8496, or by email at dluo@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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