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July 30, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public consultation meeting to discuss ARB's draft regulatory language for amendments to the Transport Refrigeration Unit (TRU) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM). At the workshop, ARB staff will discuss and receive comments on proposed amendments to the TRU ATCM as outlined below.

As you will see below, the scope of the proposed amendments has changed compared to what was presented at the July 8, 2010 meeting. Staff is proposing to split the proposed amendments to the TRU ATCM into two separate rulemakings. The first rulemaking, scheduled for Board consideration in November, would address proposed amendments to provisions that will become effective in 2010 and some key reporting requirements. The second rulemaking, which we are planning for Board action in July 2011, would cover the remaining proposed amendments that have been discussed at the first two workshops.

We believe that splitting the amendments into two separate rulemakings will allow us to have the Board act on critical amendments prior to their effective date, providing greater certainty to the regulated community on key compliance issues. It will also provide us additional time to conduct further analysis on the more complicated proposed changes that have been discussed in the prior workshops.

At the workshop, staff will discuss the proposed amendments to the TRU ATCM that would be included in the November rulemaking. These proposed amendments include:

Emission Standards

- Changing the in-use performance standard requirement for model year 2003 engines from the current Ultra-Low-Emission TRU (ULETRU) in-use standard to the Low-Emission TRU (LETRU) in-use standard, for 25 horsepower and greater engines;
- Changing the in-use performance standard requirement for model year 2003 and 2004 engines from the current ULETRU in-use standard to the LETRU in-use standard, for less than 25 horsepower engines;

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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Flex Engine Provisions

- Establishing the “effective model year” for Flexibility engines installed and registered by 12/31/10 to be the year the engine was manufactured;
- Establishing the “effective model year” for Flexibility engines installed and registered after 12/31/10 to be the last year of the tier standard that the engine is certified to; and

Reporting Provisions

- Requiring TRU manufacturers to provide unit and engine data to ARB.

Additionally, staff will present a preliminary assessment of the economic and emissions impacts associated with the proposed amendments. Input is requested from interested parties on these proposed changes.

Workshop Logistics Information

The workshop will be held at the following location, date and time:

DATE: Wednesday, August 18, 2010

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

LOCATION: Byron Sher Auditorium (2nd floor)

ADDRESS: CalEPA Headquarters Building

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California 95814

For directions, transportation options, and parking information for the public workshop, please visit the following webpage: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. The workshop will also be available through webcast and teleconference. The webcast connection is at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. During the webcast, we will accept questions and comments sent via email to auditorium@calepa.ca.gov. Interested parties in the United States and Canada may call toll-free to 1-800-779-1505. Callers from Mexico may call into the toll number 1-212-287-1669. The participant pass code is 55390. The agenda and presentation, as well as any additional materials, will be available at the workshop and prior to the workshop on ARB's TRU website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/tru.htm>. If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print), or another language, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 327-1505 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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Background

TRUs are refrigeration systems powered by diesel internal combustion engines designed to control the environment of temperature-sensitive products that are transported in trucks, trailers, shipping containers, and railcars. These units operate at California distribution centers, grocery stores and other facilities which are often in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. The emissions from these units pose a potential threat to both public health and the environment. In 2004, the TRU Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) was adopted to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions from TRU engines.

Further Information

We welcome your participation in development of this control measure amendment. If you have general questions regarding this public workshop, please contact Mr. Rod Hill at (916) 327-5636 or via email at rhill@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Richard Boyd at (916) 322-8285 or via email at rboyd@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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