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SOURCE TESTING FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

It has recently come to our attention that some source testing companies have been discontinuing District-mandated compliance tests when the preliminary results indicate the source to be in violation. Preliminary results which indicate the source to be in violation are not a legitimate reason to stop a compliance source test. Such a test should only be suspended for a valid mechanical breakdown. If the results of a compliance test show a violation, the test must be completed and the results turned in to the appropriate agency for action. During District-mandated compliance testing an Air Resources Board approved contractor is acting for the agency requiring the testing to be conducted, even while being paid by the source operator.

If the Air Resources Board finds that contractors approved to conduct testing on behalf of the Board are engaged in such activity, we will take steps to revoke the contractor's approval. Any history of such activity will be taken into consideration in any future attempt to be approved to conduct testing on behalf of the Board.

If you have any questions regarding compliance source testing, please call Mr. Gary Zimmerman at (916) 322-2886. If you have any questions regarding the Independent Contractor Program, please call Ms. Kathryn Gugeler at (916) 327-1521.

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