This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into between the STATE OF CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (hereinafter "ARB") 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN (hereinafter "SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN"), 1046 E. Santa Anita Avenue, Burbank, California 91501.

I. RECITALS

(1) California Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 44011.6 established the Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection Program (HDVIP). It authorizes ARB to inspect on-road heavy-duty vehicles for excessive smoke emissions and engine tampering and to issue citations, accordingly. The program also requires the vehicle owner to repair its engines that exceed the prescribed ARB smoke opacity standards, perform a post-repair opacity test, and submit proof of repairs and any assessed penalties under the Regulations of the Heavy-Duty Smoke Inspection Program, chapter 3.5, sections 2180-2188, title 13 California Code of Regulations (CCR).

(2) HSC section 43701 provides that ARB shall adopt regulations that require owners or operators of heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles to perform regular inspections of their vehicles for excessive smoke emissions.

(3) Title 13 CCR, section 2190 *et seq.* was adopted under the authority of HSC section 43701 and, with limited exceptions, which are not applicable here, apply to all heavy-duty diesel powered vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings greater than 6,000 pounds that operate on the streets or highways within the State of California.

(4) Title 13 CCR, section 2190 *et seq.* authorizes the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program (PSIP) which requires the owners and operators of California based vehicle fleets of two or more heavy duty diesel motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings greater than 6,000 pounds that operate on the streets or highways within the State of California to conduct annual smoke opacity inspections of their vehicles that are four years older than the model year of the vehicle's engine.

(5) Title 13 CCR, section 2192(a) requires inter alia that the owner of the vehicle "[t]est the vehicle for excessive smoke emissions periodically according to the inspection intervals specified in section 2193(a), (b), and (c)", "[m]easure the smoke emissions for each test…", "[r]ecord the smoke test opacity levels and other required test information as specified in section 2194…" and "[k]eep the records specified in section 2194 for two years after the date of inspection."

(6) HSC section 43016 states, "Any person who violates any provision of this part, or any order, rule, or regulation of the state board adopted pursuant to this part, and for which there is not provided in this part any other specific civil penalty or fine, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) per vehicle."

(7) The ARB considers testing, measuring, recording, and recordkeeping to be critical components in reducing excessive smoke emissions from these heavy-duty vehicles.

(8) Health and Safety Code, Section 39650-39675 mandates the reduction of the emissions of substances that have been determined to be toxic air contaminants (TACs). In 1998, following an exhaustive 10-year scientific assessment process, the Air Resources Board identified particulate matter (PM) from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. In-use On-Road diesel vehicles are powered by diesel fueled engines that emit toxic particulate matter. On-Road vehicles are controlled under section 2025 within title 13 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

(9) Failure to comply with the requirements of title 13 CCR, section 2025 is a violation of state law resulting in penalties. California HSC sections 39674(a) and (b) authorize civil penalties for the violation of the programs for the regulation of toxic air contaminants not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000) or ten thousand dollars ($10,000), respectively, for each day in which the violation occurs.

(10) Title 13 CCR, section 2025(r) sets forth the requirements for reporting all vehicles with engines subject to the regulation if the owner of a fleet has elected to utilize the compliance options of section 2025(f)(4), 2025(g)(3), 2025(g)(4), 2025(h), 2025(i), the credits of section 2025(j), and the agricultural provisions of section 2025(m), single-engine and two-engine street sweeper provisions of section 2025(n), extension or exemptions for vehicles used exclusively in NOx exempt areas of section 2025(p)(1), and the extension for low-mileage construction trucks of section 2025(p)(2).

(11) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN has elected to utilize the compliance options/credits/provisions of title 13 CCR, section 2025(h).

(12) Title 13 CCR, section 2025(e)(8) states: "All information specified in section 2025(r) must be reported to the Executive Officer.

(13) The ARB has documented that SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN has failed to timely report all required information for all vehicles in the fleet for which the owner has elected to utilize the compliance options/credits/provisions of title 13 CCR, section 2025(h).

(14) In order to resolve these alleged violations, SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN has taken, or agreed to take, the actions enumerated below under "RELEASE". Further, the ARB accepts this Agreement in termination and settlement of this matter.

(15) In consideration of the foregoing, and of the promises and facts set forth herein, the parties desire to settle and resolve all claims, disputes, and obligations relating to the above-listed violations, and voluntarily agree to resolve this matter by means of this Agreement. Specifically, the ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN agree as follows:

II. TERMS AND RELEASE

In consideration of the ARB not filing a legal action against SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN for the alleged violations referred to above, and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN'S payment of the penalties set forth in Section 1 below, the ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN agree as follows:

(1) Upon execution of this Agreement, SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall pay a civil penalty of five hundred dollars ($500.00). Payment shall be made in check or credit card form as described below, and shall be made in 2 payments beginning on **March 17, 2014**.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BETWEEN ARB AND **SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN**:

Payment Due Date:		**In the Amount of and Paid to:**
(1)	March 17, 2014	**$ 125.00** paid to the order of **Air Pollution Control Fund** **$ 125.00** paid to the order of **Peralta Colleges Foundation**
(2)	May 2, 2014	**$ 250.00** paid to the order of **Air Pollution Control Fund**

Please submit the signed settlement agreement and checks to:

Mr. Gerald Berumen, Air Pollution Specialist
Air Resources Board, Enforcement Division
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

(2) Effect of Untimely Payment. If any payment is more than 15 days late, the entire remaining balance becomes immediately due and payable. In addition, if the Attorney General files a civil action to enforce this settlement agreement, SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall pay all costs of investigating and prosecuting the action, including expert fees, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs.

(3) It is agreed that if SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, including its subsidiary or parent company, at any time becomes insolvent, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or similar action adversely involving SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, its subsidiary, or parent company, or a proceeding or petition under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement of debt, insolvency, readjustment of debt, or receivership law or statute is filed by or against SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, its subsidiary, or parent company, or a trustee in bankruptcy, custodian, receiver or agent is appointed or authorized to take charge of any of SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN'S, its subsidiary, or parent company's properties, or if any deposit account or other property of SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, its subsidiary, or parent company be attempted to be obtained or held by writ of execution, garnishment, attachment, condemnation, levy, forfeiture or other legal process, or SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, its subsidiary, or parent company takes any action to authorize any of the foregoing, the entire remaining balance becomes immediately due and payable without notice or demand.

(4) It is further agreed that the penalties described in "Terms and Release", paragraph 1 are punitive in nature, rather than compensatory. Furthermore, the penalty is intended to deter and punish SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN for violations of state environmental statutes, and these penalties are payable to and for the benefit of ARB, a governmental unit. Therefore, it is agreed that these penalties imposed on SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN by ARB arising from the facts described in recital paragraphs (1) through (13) are non-dischargeable under 11 United States Code § 523 (a)(7), which provides an exception from discharge for any debt to the extent such debt is for a fine, penalty or forfeiture payable to and for benefit of governmental unit, and is not compensation for actual pecuniary loss, other than certain types of tax penalties.

(5) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall not violate HSC sections 43701 *et seq.*, 44011.6 *et seq.*, and title 13 CCR, sections 2183, 2190 *et seq*, and 2485 *et seq*.

(6) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall comply with one or both of the following options to attend the CCDET II class (Diesel Exhaust After Treatment and Maintenance), described on the ARB's webpage http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/hdvip/ccdet/ccdet.htm. This class is conducted by various California Community Colleges and instructs attendees on California's emission regulations and the proper care and maintenance of diesel exhaust after-treatment systems (DEATS).

(a) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall have the fleet maintenance manager (or equivalent) and all staff responsible for maintenance of DEATS attend the CCDET II class. Proof of CCDET II completion shall be provided to ARB within six months of the date of this Agreement and

also be maintained in each applicable employee's file for the term of his or her employment.

(b) In case SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN uses a contractor for the maintenance of DEATS, in addition to having the fleet maintenance manager (or equivalent) attend the CCDET II course, SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall obtain proof that the contractor's staff maintaining the DEATS device(s) completed the CCDET II course within the last four years. This proof of the CCDET II completion shall be provided by SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN to the ARB within six months of the date of this settlement and be maintained with the DEATS installation and maintenance records.

(7) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall complete Low NOx Software Upgrades (reflash) on all applicable heavy-duty diesel engines operating in California and report to the ARB within 45 days of this agreement.

(8) Each 1974 or newer diesel powered heavy-duty vehicle in SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN's fleet shall remain in compliance with the ECL regulation as codified in title 13 CCR, section 2183.

(9) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall instruct all employees who operate diesel-fueled vehicles to comply with the idling regulations set forth in title 13 CCR section 2485, within 45 days of this Agreement.

(10) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall not violate the Truck & Bus regulation as codified in title 13 CCR, section 2025 et seq.

(11) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall comply with the Truck & Bus regulation as codified in title 13 CCR, section 2025 et seq. No later than July 1 2014, SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN shall submit the proof of compliance to Mr. Gerald Berumen, Air Pollution Specialist, Air Resources Board, Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812.

(12) This Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, and its officers, directors, receivers, trustees, employees, successors and assignees, subsidiary and parent corporations and upon ARB and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement.

(13) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces all prior negotiations and agreements between ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN concerning the subject matter hereof.

(14) No agreement to modify, amend, extend, supersede, terminate, or discharge this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is valid or enforceable unless it is in writing and signed by all parties to this Agreement.

(15) Severability. Each provision of this Agreement is severable, and in the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement remains in full force and effect.

(16) This Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to California's choice-of-law rules.

(17) This Agreement is deemed to have been drafted equally by the Parties; it will not be interpreted for or against either party on the ground that said party drafted it.

(18) Senate Bill 1402 (Dutton, Chapter 413, statutes of 2010) requires the ARB to provide information on the basis for the penalties it seeks (see Health and Safety Code section 39619.7). This information, which is provided throughout this settlement agreement, is summarized here:

The manner in which the penalty amount was determined, including a per unit or per vehicle penalty.

Penalties must be set at levels sufficient to discourage violations. The penalties in this matter were determined in consideration of all relevant circumstances, including the eight factors specified in HSC sections 42403 and 43024.

Truck and Bus Violations

The per unit penalty for the Truck and Bus violations involved in this case is a maximum of $1,000 per vehicle per day for strict liability violations or $10,000 per vehicle per day for negligent or intentional violations.

The penalty obtained for the Truck and Bus violations involved in this case for failure to timely report all required information for all vehicles in the fleet by the deadlines set forth in title 13 CCR, section 2025(r) is $500 for one vehicle reported after the deadline, or $500 per vehicle, per violation.

The provision of law the penalty is being assessed under and why that provision is most appropriate for that violation.

Truck and Bus Violations

The penalty provision being applied for the Truck and Bus regulation (title 13 CCR, section 2025) violations in this case is HSC section 39674 because the Truck and Bus regulation is a Toxic Air Contaminant Control Measure adopted pursuant to authority contained in HSC section 39002 et seq., 39650-39675 and because SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN failed to timely report all required information for vehicles in the fleet for which they have elected to utilize compliance options/credits/provisions as required in title 13 CCR, section 2025(r).

Is the penalty being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollution at a specified level, and, if so a quantification of excess emissions, if it is practicable to do so.

Truck and Bus Violations

The provisions cited above do not prohibit emissions above a specified level of g/hp-hr.

(19) SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN acknowledges that ARB has complied with Senate Bill 1402 in prosecuting or settling this case. Specifically, ARB has considered all relevant facts, including those listed at HSC section 43024, has explained the manner in which the penalty amount was calculated, has identified the provision of law under which the penalty is being assessed and has considered and determined that this penalty is being assessed under a provision of law that prohibits the emission of pollutants at a specified level.

(20) Penalties were determined based on the unique circumstances of this matter, considered together with the need to remove any economic benefit from noncompliance, the goal of deterring future violations and obtaining swift compliance, the consideration of past penalties in similar cases, and the potential costs and risk associated with litigating these particular violations. Penalties in future cases might be smaller or larger on a per unit basis.

(21) The penalty was based on confidential settlement communications between ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN that ARB does not retain in the ordinary course of business. The penalty is the product of an arms length negotiation between ARB and SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN and reflects ARB's assessment of the relative strength of its case against SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN, the desire to avoid the uncertainty, burden and expense of litigation, obtain swift compliance with the law and remove

any unfair advantage that SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN may have secured from its actions.

(22) Now therefore, in consideration of the payment on behalf of SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN to the Air Pollution Control Fund and the Peralta Colleges Foundation, the ARB hereby releases SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN and their principals, officers, agents, predecessors and successors from any and all claims, the ARB may have or have in the future based on the circumstances described in paragraph (1) through (13) of the Recitals. The undersigned represent that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement

California Air Resources Board		**SUSANNA OGMERTSYAN**	
Signature:	for	Signature:	
Print Name:	James Ryden	Print Name:	Susanna Ogmertsyan
Title:	Chief, Enforcement Division	Title:	Owner
Date:	3-11-14	Date:	03/05/14