April 26, 2010

To: All California Smoke Test Facilities

Dear California Smoke Test Facility:

The Air Resources Board Enforcement Division maintains a certified smoke test facilities list. Presently, we are in the process of updating this list, to ensure that the list is current. This letter serves as your notice to respond, and let us know if you would like to remain on this list.

In order to qualify for inclusion on our “Certified Smoke Test Facilities” list, you must provide a copy of your current CCDET certificate as well as a valid email address. In addition, the CCDET certificate must be renewed every 4 years, with a copy provided to this office, in order to remain on the list. If your certification becomes invalid, you will be removed from the list without notification.

As a reminder, the following is a list of smoke test recording information requirements when performing a smoke emission test on a vehicle:

1. The brand name and model of the opacity meter.
2. The date of the last calibration of the opacity meter.
3. The name of the smoke meter operator who conducted the test.
4. The applicable smoke opacity standard for the tested vehicle.
5. Vehicle identification number, vehicle engine year, engine make/model, and test date. Fleet designated vehicle identification numbers are also acceptable.
6. The initial smoke test opacity levels for three successive test readings.
7. An indication of whether the vehicle passed or failed the initial smoke test.
8. A smoke meter emissions test printout must be provided to the fleet manager for each vehicle tested, and must contain the information listed above.
9. The name and address of the contracted smoke test facility or vehicle repair facility that conducted the test (if applicable).
10. The post-repair test date.
11. The post-repair smoke test opacity levels for three successive test readings.
12. An indication of whether the vehicle passed or failed the post-repair smoke test.
13. For vehicles that have failed the smoke test and have been repaired, the vehicle repair information specified in Section 2186(a), Title 13, California Code of Regulations.
14. SAE J1243 smoke opacity meters became obsolete on July 1, 1999. Any smoke test taken with an SAE J1243 smoke opacity meter on or after January 1, 1999 is invalid.

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.

California Environmental Protection Agency
If you would like to remain on our “Certified Smoke Tester” list, please respond by May 30th, 2010, by sending a copy of your current CCDET certificate and a valid email address, by email to kukrachev@arb.ca.gov, or to the address below:

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If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Ms. Krichevsky at (916) 323-0164, FAX (916) 323-3303, or email at kkrachev@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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