December 22, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss the upcoming fuel comparison study of California (CARB) diesel and Federal Ultralow Sulfur Diesel fuels.

The Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 679 (Stats. 2006, ch. 11) requiring ARB to convene a panel of interested parties to develop a test protocol to measure the differences in oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter emissions between CARB diesel and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2006 ultralow sulfur highway diesel fuel.

The Diesel Fuel Comparison Study Advisory Panel (Panel) will convene at this public meeting. Discussion topics for the Panel will include, but are not limited to, CARB and Federal diesel test fuel properties and test fuel procurement. A proposed agenda and a list of the Panel members are enclosed. For more information regarding the Diesel Fuel Comparison Study, you may want to visit the Diesel Fuel Program webpage at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/dieselcomp/dieselcomp.htm.

The time and place of the public meeting are shown below:

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Conference Room 620, 6th Floor

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Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, the Panel members noted below will be attending the meeting by teleconference from the following locations, which are accessible to the public as specified below:

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To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 942 - 8616 give the participant passcode: 37524 and leader name: Floyd Vergara.
If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

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Agenda

I. Introductions  
   a. Convene Advisory Panel

II. Project Summary

III. Diesel Test Fuel Properties  
   a. Federal - B ULSD  
   b. CARB ULSD

IV. Fuel Procurement

V. Advisory Panel Discussion  
   a. Open Discussion

VI. Future Activities  
   a. Adjourn Advisory Panel
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Diesel Fuel Comparison Study
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