November 21, 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.

California has had in place a diesel fuel regulation that promotes and mandates clean burning diesel within the State. Recently, Federal diesel fuel regulations have been modified to reduce sulfur levels to accommodate advanced diesel engines and aftertreatment systems. 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.

This is to schedule the first meeting of the Diesel Fuel Comparison Study Advisory Panel (Panel) at this public workshop. Attached to this notice is a list of the Panel members. 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: Wednesday, December 3, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Conference Room 620, 6th Floor

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.
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:

Mr. Roger Gault, Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA)  Neal, Gerber, and Eisenberg  Two North LaSalle Street, Suite 2200  Chicago, Illinois 60602

Mr. Ken Kimura, Global Fuels Technology  Air Resources Board  Haagen-Smit Laboratory  Conference Room 110 HSL  9528 Telstar Avenue  El Monte, California 91731

To access the EMA conference room, visitors are required to obtain approval in advance by calling (312) 827-8700 to allow a list of approved visitors to be given to reception. No advance notice is required for accessing the ARB conference rooms in El Monte or Sacramento. However, visitors must sign in at all three locations.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audiotape or computer disk. Please contact ARB’s Disability Coordinator at (916)323 4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711, to place your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB’s Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 769-8923 give the participant passcode: 39664 and leader name: Floyd Vergara.
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If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

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