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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

January 30, 2007

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter is a notification of our annual request to interested parties who import gasoline or who apply for certification under California's gasoline deposit control additive regulation (title 13, section 2257, California Code of Regulations).

Air Resources Board staff is tracking the use of thiadiazole type corrosion inhibitors in gasoline for protection against silver corrosion. Available data indicates that the use of thiadiazole type corrosion inhibitors can increase a gasoline's potential for deposit formation.

In December 2005 we sent out our first request letter in which we stated that we would follow up annually. Therefore, we are asking your continued cooperation in a voluntary reporting program to allow us to collect information on silver corrosion inhibitors added at the refinery. We are asking for information by refinery, the additive name, manufacturer, range of treat rates, and percent of production treated for the 2006 calendar year. If you are an importer, you may need to request this information from your supplier. This will allow us to evaluate the extent of the use of thiadiazole type additives in California gasoline. The submittal is due April 1, 2007. A sample reporting form and instructions are enclosed.

For new gasoline certifications, corrosion inhibitor additives need to be included in certification test fuels if a refiner plans to routinely add thiadiazole type corrosion inhibitors. The dosage rate must be the maximum recommended treat rate. Technical data generated from certification testing performed on test fuels that do not contain thiadiazole type corrosion inhibitors will not be transferable for "read-across" certifications to gasoline which will routinely be treated with thiadiazole type corrosion inhibitors.

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>.

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If you have any questions regarding this notification or other questions on the gasoline deposit control additive program, please contact Mr. Gary M. Yee, Manager, Industrial Section, at (916) 327-6986, or email at gyee@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean C. Simeroth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Gary Yee, Manager
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