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Honorable Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: California's Request for a Clean Air Act Section 209(e) Authorization for the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Portable Diesel Engines 50 Horsepower and Greater

Dear Administrator Johnson:

In February 2004, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted new regulations for the control of diesel particulate matter, a toxic air contaminant, in exhaust from diesel-fueled compression ignited engines 50 horsepower and greater. I am requesting that you issue a new authorization for the emission standards established by these regulations. I enclose an Authorization Support Document (Attachment 1) setting forth the basis for our requests and listing the pertinent documents that are contained electronically on the two enclosed CD-ROMs (Attachment 2).

The regulation of these nonroad engines is an important component of ARB's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan. Your expeditious processing of this request will be appreciated. If you need additional information on this item, please call me at (916) 445-4383. Legal questions may be directed to Senior Staff Counsel George Poppic at (916) 322-3940, and technical questions may be directed to Michael Waugh at (916) 445-6018.

Sincerely,


Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: George Poppic
Senior Staff Counsel

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