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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY ACCELERATED VEHICLE RETIREMENT REGULATION

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (Board or ARB) will conduct a second public workshop at the time and place noted below to discuss updates to the proposed revisions to the ARB's regulation governing Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) programs. The ARB staff will present expanded preliminary concepts for discussion and responses to questions raised at the first workshop.

Vehicle retirement or scrapping programs were first introduced in California in the early 1990s. The goal of VAVR programs is to retire older, more polluting vehicles earlier than their expected lifetime; thereby eliminating air pollution emissions associated with their operation. Participation in VAVR programs is strictly voluntary.

Legislation signed in 1995 directed ARB to adopt a regulation governing VAVR programs (See Health & Safety Code sections 44100-44122). The ARB adopted these regulations in 1998 and amended them in 2002. VAVR programs are overseen by ARB and administered by local air districts. District programs must ensure that the emission reductions are surplus to those obtained through the Bureau of Automotive Repair's (BAR) Smog Check Program. BAR's program covers vehicles that have failed their biennial Smog Check while the district programs cover vehicles that have passed their biennial Smog Check or are "off cycle" for Smog Check (i.e., not due for their biennial inspection).

The ARB staff is proposing to revise the VAVR regulations to include the use of remote sensing devices (RSD) as an additional means of identifying higher emitting vehicles. The revisions would help codify the optional use of RSD in VAVR programs. The ARB staff is also proposing to establish protocols for quantifying extra emission reductions associated with the voluntary retirement of higher emitting vehicles identified by RSD in this revision.

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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The second public workshop will be held at the following time and place:

DATE: June 29, 2006
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
TOPIC: Revisions to the Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Regulation
PLACE: California Air Resources Board
Monitoring and Laboratory Division
Conference Room South
1927 13th Street (13th and T)
Sacramento, California 95814

Copies of the workshop presentation and handout will be made available two weeks prior to the workshop at the VAVR program's website and will also be available at the workshop. For additional information about the VAVR program, please visit the program website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/avrp/avrp.htm> . If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the VAVR program website, please sign up at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/avrp.htm> .

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. We welcome your participation.

If you have questions regarding this workshop or the VAVR program, please contact Mr. John Kato, Manager, at (916) 322-2891 or by email at jkato@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Andrew Panson, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-2881 or by email at apanson@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Tom Roemer, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-1520 or by email at troemer@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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1. Introduction
2. ARB Staff Presentation
 - a. VAVR Program Overview
 - b. Responses to Questions Raised at First Workshop
 - c. Responses to Stakeholder Questions and Concerns
 - d. Summary of Proposed Changes to VAVR Regulation
3. Discussion and Public Comment
4. Next Steps