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TO: All California Transit Agencies

California Transit Agencies that wish to use hybrid electric buses to meet the oxides of nitrogen (NOx) fleet average and the alternative NOx strategy exemption as part of the Urban Transit Bus Fleet Rule may use corrected NOx emissions values for those bus engines as follows:

**(Certified NOx emissions, per Air Resources Board (ARB) Executive Order) X 0.75 =
NOx value for hybrid bus**

This multiplier is offered as an interim method for determining NOx emissions from hybrid electric buses, in recognition of their lower emissions relative to an engine operating without the hybrid system, and in the absence of a regulation. When the ARB adopts test and certification methods, transit agencies will be required to use the correct NOx emissions values as certified under that regulation. Transit agencies who have used the interim NOx values for the NOx fleet average or alternative NOx strategy exemption should then amend their plans and notify ARB of the new values.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Dr. Nancy Steele, Manager, Retrofit Implementation Section, at (626) 350-6598 or by email at nsteele@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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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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