

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

December 19, 2006

TO: All Interested Parties

RE: ARB Staff's Process for the Continuation of the December 7, 2006 ARB Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Amendments To California's Emission Warranty Information Reporting and Recall Regulations and Emissions Test Procedures

Based on the direction by the California Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) at its December 7, 2006, public hearing, the ARB staff has developed the following, including a tentative schedule of events regarding the continuation of the above named regulatory item:

1) This item will be considered by the Board at its March 22, 2007, Public Hearing with a formal Continuation Notice to be released shortly;

2) Be advised that the revisions to the originally proposed regulations will continue to be based on Health and Safety Code Section 43105 that requires manufacturers to design, manufacture and sell vehicles or engines in this State that comply with California's emissions standards and test procedures;

3) The test procedure requirements include a demonstration that the emission-control components installed on California-certified vehicles or engines are durable for the vehicle's or engine's useful life;

4) The Board directed staff to continue to base its regulatory proposal on the premise that emission-control failures that exceed a valid four percent warranty claim rate should be subject to corrective action;

5) A second public workshop on this regulatory proposal will be conducted in early February 2007 with at least 21 days advance notice as to the exact date and location;

6) The workshop notice will include a revised regulatory proposal that addresses many of the comments received from industry to date;

7) Staff fully expects the regulated industry to provide meaningful dialogue, comments, reasonable alternatives and other suggestions at any time during this process and especially at the workshop;

8) Staff looks forward to continue working with industry on this proposal and, if requested, will hold private meetings with industry groups or individual manufacturers during this process;

9) If you have any questions, comments or would like to schedule a meeting with staff regarding this issue, please contact Mr. John M. Urkov, Chief, In-Use Vehicle Programs Branch at (626) 575-6719 or jurkov@arb.ca.gov.