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TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: July 27, 2016

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE "DRAFT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR MIDTERM EVALUATION OF LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION STANDARDS AND CORPORATE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS FOR MODEL YEARS 2022-2025"

In January 2012, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved new progressively stringent greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for passenger vehicles for the 2017 through 2025 model years as part of the Low-Emission Vehicle III (LEV III) regulations. Later that year, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) adopted federal passenger vehicle GHG standards and fuel economy standards that closely mirror the California standards for these same model years.

The similarities between the California and federal programs were the result of the comprehensive technical coordination between our three agencies to assess technologies and costs to achieve varying levels of GHG emission reductions through model year 2025. These findings were presented in an Interim Technical Assessment Report that was released in 2010.

While the California and federal programs are similar, the federal and ARB regulations require that USEPA, NHTSA, and ARB conduct a midterm review to assess the appropriateness of the standards for the 2022 through 2025 model years.

The results of this analysis are presented in a recently published joint "Draft Technical Assessment Report for Midterm Evaluation of Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2022-2025." The Federal Register notice announcing the release of the Draft Technical Assessment Report is available at https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-27/pdf/2016-17649.pdf .

ARB invites comments on the joint draft Technical Assessment Report, which is available for review at

https://www3.epa.gov/otaq/climate/documents/mte/420d16900.pdf. In order for comments to be most helpful to this ongoing Midterm Evaluation process, please submit comments by September 26, 2016.

For electronic submittal, email the information to 2016TAR@arb.ca.gov. Commenters are requested to include "Comments for Draft TAR 2016" in the subject line to facilitate identification. Comments containing confidential information should add "Confidential Information Enclosed" to the subject line.

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Sincerely,

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