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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the proposed amendments to the *Verification Procedure, Warranty, and In-Use Compliance Requirements for In-Use Strategies to Control Emissions from Diesel Engines* (Verification Procedure) to be considered by the Board in October 2011. The Verification Procedure is used by staff to evaluate diesel emission control strategies (DECS) for use by regulated fleets. Under the guidance of the Verification Procedure, DECS manufacturers perform emissions, durability, and field testing to quantify emissions reductions and validate the durability of their retrofit strategies. Manufacturers of verified DECS are required to conduct in-use testing after the strategy has been in operation for a prescribed period of time. Any DECS used to satisfy the requirements of ARB's in-use fleet rules must be verified under the Verification Procedure.

The workshop will be held on the following date and time, but may end early if comments conclude before the scheduled closing time:

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Location: Air Resources Board Auditorium
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

The public workshop will have teleconference capabilities. To participate, dial (888) 455-9680 and give the Participant Code: 9363149 and leader name: Keith Macias. For international calls, dial 1-210-234-0063.

At the workshop, staff will discuss proposed amendments to the Verification Procedure including the following:

- Changes to the in-use compliance testing requirements including when testing is required, test phases, functional testing, and the conditions for passing in-use compliance testing

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- Recall provisions
- Clarifications to the pre-installation compatibility assessment
- Changes to the backpressure monitoring requirements for filter-based DECS
- Increasing the time allowed to complete off-road conditional verifications
- Clarification of the definition of a warrantable event
- Other changes and clarifications

Staff will post the workshop presentation and proposed regulatory language regarding the proposed amendments on ARB's Verification Procedure website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm> and on the In-Use Compliance website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/in-use/in-use.htm> prior to the workshop.

The Verification Program list serve will be used to notify stakeholders of upcoming events relating to proposed changes to the Verification Procedure. If you would like to receive notification by email of upcoming events relating to the Verification Program, please sign up at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=diesel-retrofit.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the workshop. Comments may also be submitted by postal mail before the workshop or by electronic submittal before and during the workshop:

Postal mail: Mr. Dean Bloudoff
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street, P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, California 95812

Electronic submittal: dbloudof@arb.ca.gov.

If you need special accommodation due to a disability, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance, or contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you require other special accommodations or language services please contact Mr. Bryan Lange, Branch Secretary, at (916) 322-1013 or via email at blange@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible or no later than ten business days before the scheduled workshop. Teletypewriter/ Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Mr. Dean Bloudoff, Air Resources Engineer, at

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(916) 322-8987, or by email at dbloudof@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Keith A. Macias, Manager, at (626) 575-6600, or by email at kmacias@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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