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TO: All Interested Parties

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

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments and clarifications 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 May 2012. The Verification Procedure is used by staff to evaluate diesel emission control strategies (DECS) to determine their suitability 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 using devices that have been in operation for a prescribed period of time, once a predetermined sales threshold has been reached. Any DECS used to satisfy the requirements of ARB's in-use fleet rules must be verified under the Verification Procedure.

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

- Additional changes to the in-use compliance testing requirements, including specifying when testing is required and providing a new in-field testing option
- New recall provisions
- Changes to the pre-installation compatibility assessment provisions, including additional requirements for installers of verified DECS
- Clarification of the definition of a warrantable event and revised warranty reporting requirements
- Changes to the backpressure monitoring requirements for filter-based DECS
- Other changes and clarifications

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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Staff will post an agenda and presentation 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/inusecomreq.htm> prior to the workshop.

The workshop will be held in El Monte and is scheduled for three hours on the date below, but may end early if comments conclude before the scheduled closing time:

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium – Annex 4
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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

The public workshop will have teleconference capabilities. To participate, dial (888) 677-0331 and give the Participant Code: 17234. For international calls, dial (517) 268-4943.

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, at (916) 322-1013 or via email at blange@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible or no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop.

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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. Keith A. Macias, Manager, at (626) 575-6600, or via email at kmacias@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Dean Bloudoff, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 322-8987, or via email at dbloudof@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Keith A. Macias, Manager
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