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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONVERSION CERTIFICATION
PROCEDURES FOR NEW AND IN-USE VEHICLES AND ENGINES

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the alternative fuel conversion certification procedures. Recent changes promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to its procedures for certifying alternative fuel conversions generated numerous inquiries from industry regarding suggested updates to ARB's regulations. ARB also held an educational public workshop to discuss current alternate fuel conversion requirements for new and used vehicles and engines used in such vehicles on August 14, 2012, in El Monte, California. In response to comments received, staff is now considering changes to the current alternative fuel conversion certification procedures for both new (unregistered) and in-use (already registered) vehicles and engines.

You may attend the public workshop in person or participate via teleconference. The workshop will be held at the date and time shown below:

Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium – Annex 4
9528 Telstar Avenue

The following information is needed to participate via teleconference:

Call-in Time: Between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.
USA Toll Free Number: 888-677-4430
Passcode: 36034

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At the public workshop, staff will discuss preliminary concepts in how to simplify the application process while preserving emissions benefits including how to better align ARB's alternative fuel certification procedures with changes recently promulgated by U.S. EPA. These include: applicability, demonstrating emission compliance, demonstrating on-board diagnostic compliance, and carry-over for new vehicle/engine alternative fuel certifications to subsequent model years. Regarding these proposals, the primary fuels of interest are liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, and propane; however, conversions to other fuels may be discussed.

Staff will post an agenda and presentation on ARB's On-Road Light Duty Emissions Certification Requirements website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/cert/ldctp/ldctp.htm> and on the Aftermarket, Performance and Add-On Parts – Certification of Alternate Fuel Retrofit Systems website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermkt/altfuel/altfuel.htm> prior to the workshop.

The Mobile Source Program Mailouts and Manufacturers Advisory Correspondence (ms-mailings) list serve will be used to notify stakeholders of upcoming events relating to proposed changes to the alternative fuel conversion certification procedures. If you would like to receive notification by email of upcoming events relating to the proposed changes, please sign up at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=ms-mailings.

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:

Postal Mail: Mr. Dean Bloudoff
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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 Ms. Dee Enos-Friedman, at (916) 322-4722 or via email at denosfri@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible or no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop.

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We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Mr. Craig Duehring, Manager, at (916) 323-2361, or via email at cduehrin@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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