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**To: ALL MUFFLER SHOPS & INDEPENDENT SERVICE REPAIR FACILITIES
ALL AFTERMARKET CATALYTIC CONVERTER MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

SUBJECT: Public Meeting To Discuss Installation Requirements for New Aftermarket Catalytic Converters

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss installation requirements for new aftermarket catalytic converters. The meeting will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (1st session)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (2nd session)
Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2009
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

New regulations applicable to new aftermarket catalytic converters advertised, sold, offered for sale or installed in California became effective on January 1, 2009. Aftermarket catalytic converters are now subject to more stringent emission performance and new warranty, labeling, installation limitations and other requirements.

At the meeting, staff will present guidelines on how to identify correct catalytic converters to install, requirements for proper installation and ARB plans for compliance/enforcement activities. Participants are encouraged to submit their comments or questions at least a week before the meeting date to allow sufficient time

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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for staff to prepare responses. You may fax your questions or comments to the Aftermarket Parts Section at (626)575-7055.

Prior to the meeting, a detailed agenda and any handouts will be available on the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aftermktcat/aftermktcat.htm>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you need assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5029.

Seats are limited and are available on a first come basis. To reserve your space, please RSVP by contacting Gloria Gonzalez at (626) 575-6918 or email at ggonzale@arb.ca.gov. If you have additional questions regarding the meeting, please contact Ms. Jackie Lourenco, Chief, New Vehicle/Engine Programs Branch, at (626) 450-6152.

Sincerely,



Annette Hebert, Chief
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