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February 5, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss the draft proposal for the control of evaporative emissions from Pleasure Craft. This draft proposal will set stringent design standards and alternative performance standards for all vessels that use gasoline-fueled, spark-ignited marine engines. ARB is specifically seeking cost information from manufacturers of components that can meet ARB's design standards. The draft proposal also includes new Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) requirements. ARB is seeking information from manufacturers regarding technical issues, costs, and time needed for implementing the ORVR requirements.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: February 25, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Place: Air Resources Board
MLD North and South Conference Room
1927 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Your comments and input to the draft proposal and test procedures are encouraged at the workshop. Please download and evaluate the draft proposal found on the Recreational Marine Engine website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/recmarine/recmarine.htm>

Copies of the draft proposal, test procedures, and the workshop presentation will be available at the workshop and online. If you would like to receive email notification of updates to the Recreational Marine Engine website, please sign up at

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/lists/recmarine.htm>

If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Elizabeth Mongar at (916) 327-0900 or emongar@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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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We welcome your participation. If you have general questions regarding the workshop, or if you cannot attend the workshop, but would like to provide comments or participate by teleconference, please contact Scott Monday, at (916) 445-9319 or via email at smonday@arb.ca.gov or Michele Dunlop, at (916) 323-8971 or via email at mdunlop@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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