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RE: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VW) – Draft Recall Plan Model Years
2009-2016 Diesel Vehicles Equipped with a 3.0L TDI Engine

Dear Mr. Geanacopoulos and Mr. Johnson:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has received Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.'s (VW) draft recall plan, dated February 2, 2016. VW stated that this draft recall plan is intended to remedy the presence of one or more undisclosed auxiliary emission control devices, at least one of which is regarded as a defeat device according to applicable US law, in Audi and VW 2009-2016 model year 3.0 liter diesel vehicles. CARB has found, and VW agrees, that these devices resulted in excess emissions and other instances of noncompliance of said vehicles.

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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CARB will review and evaluate the draft recall plan for adherence to regulatory requirements and respond as appropriate. We look forward to further discussions as the process to address these serious noncompliances continues.

Sincerely,



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