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Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) hereby transmits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) a request to withdraw the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) methyl iodide regulations.

California's ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the federal Clean Air Act contains a pesticide element that requires DPR to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from pesticides by specified levels in selected ozone nonattainment areas. On October 12, 2009, ARB submitted several sets of DPR's regulations for reducing VOC emissions from fumigants to the U.S. EPA as part of the SIP. One portion of these regulations pertained to methyl iodide, and included its listing as a restricted material in California, specifications regarding fumigation methods, and revisions to DPR's annual VOC emissions inventory report. At the request of the registrant, on March 21, 2012 DPR cancelled all uses of methyl iodide. Methyl iodide can no longer be sold in California, and products previously sold are being returned to the registrant.

Because of this cancellation, U.S. EPA did not act on the methyl iodide regulations when it finalized approval of the remaining pesticide regulations on August 14, 2012. Subsequently, on November 14, 2012, DPR formally requested that ARB withdraw the methyl iodide regulation from U.S. EPA (Enclosure 1). ARB is therefore transmitting DPR's request to withdraw the methyl iodide portion of the regulations with the attached Executive Order (Enclosure 2).

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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If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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