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Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board invites you to a meeting on August 15, 2001. This meeting is a follow-up to our March 1, 2001 Reactivity Research Advisory Committee (RRAC) meeting at which the reactivity research needs were discussed in the area of architectural coatings. In addition to providing some background information, the details on the time and location of the meeting are provided below.

In June of 2000, the Air Resources Board (ARB) approved the Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for Architectural Coatings. At the meeting, the Board also directed the staff to evaluate the feasibility of a future reactivity-based control strategy for architectural coatings. In response to the direction, ARB staff requested Dr. Carter at the University of California, Riverside to submit a comprehensive proposal for reactivity research needed in the area of architectural coatings. However, the cost of addressing all of the proposed tasks exceeded the \$60,000 allocated to this project earlier this year. Due to the limited funding, the priority of research needs was discussed at the March 1, 2001 RRAC meeting held in Sacramento, California, and the following three tasks were selected:

- Application of a direct reactivity measurement method to coatings constituents.
- Environmental chamber studies of Texanol®.
- Development and evaluation of procedures to quantify reactivities and uncertainties for petroleum distillates.

A proposal was approved by the ARB Research Screening Committee in March 2001 and by the Board in April 2001.

At this meeting, staff will present the current status of ARB's reactivity research and architectural coatings programs, and discuss additional tasks needed for architectural coatings reactivity study. Potential cofunding partners will be solicited for this particular project due to a limited research budget this year. The meeting will be held at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters located at 1001 "I" Street, Room 550, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor in Sacramento from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 15, 2001.

*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 would like to participate in the development of this research, we invite you to attend the meeting. The meeting agenda and presentations will be posted by August 9, 2001 on the ARB website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/arch/whatsnew.htm>). If you have any questions about the meeting or would like to participate by conference call, please contact Dr. Eileen McCauley at (916) 323-1534 or [emccaule@arb.ca.gov](mailto:emccaule@arb.ca.gov). If you have any other questions, please contact me at (916) 323-4519 or [bcroes@arb.ca.gov](mailto:bcroes@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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