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AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REVIEW OF ARB/OEHHA DRAFT STAFF REPORT ON THE NITROGEN DIOXIDE STANDARD

June 12 – 13, 2006
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Boulevard
South San Francisco, California 94080-6703

Monday, 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) invite you to attend a meeting of the Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) to review a draft ARB/OEHHA Staff Report on the California ambient air quality standard for nitrogen dioxide and a recommendation to revise the standard.

On April 14, 2006, the ARB released a draft report on the ARB/OEHHA review of the nitrogen dioxide standard. Based on that review, OEHHA has recommended revising the nitrogen dioxide standard by reducing the level of the current 1-hour standard to 0.18 parts per million (ppm) and establishing a new annual average standard of 0.030 ppm. The AQAC will peer review the draft Staff Report and draft Technical Support Document and the scientific basis for the nitrogen dioxide standard recommendation.

The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft Staff Report and draft Technical Support Document. Comments received by May 31, 2006 will be forwarded to the AQAC for their consideration. The AQAC will also allow time for the public to present oral comments for their consideration. If you wish to present oral comments on the draft staff document for the nitrogen dioxide standard, please contact Dr. Norman Kado at nkado@arb.ca.gov or (916) 323-1500 by Friday, June 2, 2006.

The AQAC meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on June 12, 2006. Following the meeting, staff will revise the draft staff document based on the findings of the Committee and public comments.

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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Please check our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aqs/no2-rs/no2-rs.htm> for updates on the AQAC meeting, including a list of AQAC members, agenda, a map to the meeting site and the draft staff documents. Updates will also be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/aqs/aqs.htm.

If you have any questions regarding the AQAC meeting or have technical questions regarding the review of the nitrogen dioxide standard, please contact Norman Kado Ph. D. at nkado@arb.ca.gov or (916) 323-1500. You may also contact me at rbode@arb.ca.gov or (916) 323-8413.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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