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PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS A DRAFT STAFF REPORT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD FOR OZONE

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss a draft staff report entitled "Review of the California Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone." The report contains staff findings and recommendations for revising the California air standard for ozone. Dates and locations of workshops are listed below.

Date: July 14, 2004

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room (Floor 2)
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

Date: July 15, 2004

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Air Resources Board
El Monte Facility Auditorium
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California

Date: July 16, 2004

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California

Note: You may participate fully in the July 16th workshop through interactive video-conferencing from two other SJVAPCD offices:

4230 Kiernan Avenue, Suite 130
Modesto, California

2700 M Street, Suite 275
Bakersfield, California

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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At the workshops, staff from the ARB and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment will briefly summarize their findings and recommendations in the staff report, and respond to public questions and comments. The workshop on July 14th will be webcast at http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php. The report will be released for public review on June 21, 2004. You may download it from our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aaqs/ozone-rs/ozone-rs.htm>. If you do not have internet access, please call Ms. Jacqueline Cummins at (916) 445-0753 and we can provide a copy.

The staff report will be peer-reviewed by the Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) in the Fall 2004. The AQAC will review the scientific basis of the recommendations and will consider comments received from the public. Comments received by the close of business Monday, August 2, 2004, will be forwarded to the AQAC for their full consideration. There will also be a time for public comment at the AQAC meeting. Subsequently, the recommendations will be scheduled for consideration by the ARB. Please check our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aaqs/ozone-rs/ozone-rs.htm> for updates on workshops and the upcoming AQAC meeting, including maps to the workshop sites. Updates on the release of the report and the workshops will also be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/aaqs/aaqs.htm>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916.

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If you have questions regarding the review of the ozone standard, please contact me at (916) 323-8413 or rbode@arb.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact Dr. Deborah Drechsler at (916) 323-1526 or ddrechsl@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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