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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on the development of an Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Outdoor Residential Waste Burning.

Residential waste burning is the practice of outdoor burning of household wastes associated with one- and two-unit family homes. These household wastes include materials such as garbage, paper, cardboard, cloth, and processed wood. Typically, 55-gallon metal drums known as burn barrels are used for this burning. The smoke and ash created by these fires contain many harmful pollutants, including dioxins and furans (collectively referred to as dioxins). These chemicals can travel long distances and contaminate air, water, food, and soil where they may last in the environment for many years. They can also accumulate in the fat of animals and fish, which is then passed on to humans when eaten. These chemicals can cause cancer and immune system damage. Two Fact Sheets about residential burning are included for your information.

Staff's proposal for an ATCM would eliminate the outdoor burning of residential waste materials, other than natural vegetation, as well as the use of burn barrels. However, limited exemptions would be allowed for very rural areas where waste pickup service is not available, the distance to an approved disposal facility is too far, and the population density is low.

The draft ATCM will be discussed at a series of public workshops at the dates, times, and locations listed on the back of this sheet. The meeting locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Diana Caldas at (916) 323-6791 as soon as possible. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531 or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

The proposed ATCM is scheduled to be considered by the Board at a public hearing on February 21 and 22, 2002. The public hearing will be held at the Cal/EPA building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. An agenda for the Board meeting will be posted in early January at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/board.htm>.

If you have any questions about the proposed regulation, please feel free to contact Ms. Karen Magliano at (916) 322-7137 or by e-mail at kmaglian@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
Planning and Technical Support Division

Enclosures

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>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

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Public Workshop Schedule
Proposed ATCM for Outdoor Residential Waste Burning

December 4, 2001

Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

December 5, 2001

Miners Inn Convention Center
122 East Miner Street
Yreka, California
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

December 6, 2001

Veterans Memorial Hall
500 South Main Street
City Park
Alturas, California
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

December 7, 2001

Jensen Hall
Lassen County Fairgrounds
195 Russell Avenue
Susanville, California
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

December 10, 2001

San Benito Cnty. Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 4th Street
San Benito, California
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

December 17, 2001

Alpine Community Center
1830 Alpine Blvd.
Alpine, California
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Additional public workshops are being scheduled for January 2002. Another announcement will be distributed when the dates and locations are finalized.