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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,

Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
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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

**Public Workshop Schedule for January
Proposed ATCM for Outdoor Residential Waste Burning**

January 7, 2002

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Chambers
Eric Rood Administration Center
950 Maidu Road
Nevada City, CA
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

January 9, 2002

Tuolumne County Sheriffs Posse Building
19130 Rawhide Road
Jamestown, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 15, 2002

Butte County Board of Supervisors Chambers
Administration Building
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 17, 2002

Planning Commissioner's Meeting Room
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 23, 2002

City of Redding
Civic Center Community Room
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

January 7, 2002

Placer County Planning Commission
Chambers
DeWitt Center, corner of "C" & Richardson
11414 "B" Avenue
Auburn, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 10, 2002

City Hall – Willows Council Chambers
201 N. Lassen Street
Willows, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 16, 2002

County Government Center
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 22, 2002

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Chambers
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

January 23, 2002

Sutter County Agriculture Department
142 Garden Highway
Yuba City, CA
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.