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October 12, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming meeting to discuss the Air Resources Board's (ARB) plan to develop an airborne toxic control measure (ATCM) for composite wood products. We have scheduled the meeting for October 24, 2001.

Presently, we are initiating the process to evaluate methods of reducing emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products under the state of California's air toxics law (Assembly Bill 1807). Composite wood products include particleboard, plywood, medium density fiberboard, and other products which are manufactured with formaldehyde-based resins. Over the next year, the ARB will conduct air monitoring and a product survey to develop a better estimate of emissions and to evaluate public exposure to composite wood products.

At the meeting, we will present our plans and time schedule for the development of the composite wood product ATCM. We also plan to provide you a draft copy of the product survey for your review and input.

Currently, we are forming a working group with interested parties on the proposed ATCM. The working group would advise the ARB staff and serve as a forum for on going communication. The first working group meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2001, and is open to join. We will discuss any comments received on the draft product survey at this meeting.

The time and location of the meeting is:

Date: October 24, 2001
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Air Resources Board
Conference Room 230, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812

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We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Krieger, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 327-5615.

Teleconferencing will also be available for the meeting. To connect to the meeting, please call (888) 566-5784 and provide the passcode: 16257.

Sincerely,



Janette Brooks, Chief
Air Quality Measures Branch

Enclosure

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Mr. Robert Krieger, Staff APS
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Composite Wood Product Meeting

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- I. Introduction
- II. ARB Staff Presentation
 - Project status
 - Draft product survey
- III. Open Discussion
- IV. Closing Remarks