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To Interested Parties:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff would like to invite you to an upcoming public workshop to discuss the on-going development of a proposed Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) to limit formaldehyde from composite wood products including particleboard, medium density fiberboard, and hardwood plywood.

At the last public workshop held on June 20, 2006, we presented revisions to the proposed regulation, a preliminary draft of the health risk assessment, initial cost estimates, and an evaluation of best available control technologies (BACT) for reducing formaldehyde emissions from hardwood plywood, particleboard, and medium density fiberboard.

Since the last public workshop, we have made further progress on the proposed regulation and will present an update at a meeting scheduled on October 23, 2006. At the workshop, staff will update the participants on on-going evaluations and will solicit comments from workshop participants.

The time and location for the public workshop is shown below. Please note that you can participate in the public workshop via teleconference.

Date and Time: Monday, October 23, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California

Call-in Time: Between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
USA Toll Free Number: (888) 323-7915
Passcode: Composite wood
Leader: Jim Aguila

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Enclosed is a preliminary agenda for a list of topics to be discussed. At the meeting, we will also discuss the next steps in the process and the time schedule for the development of the Composite Wood Products ATCM. Please contact Ms. Susie Chung, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-2421 if you would like to make a presentation at the workshop.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in braille, large print, audio cassette or computer disk. Please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at (916) 323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Services at 711, to place your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Brent Takemoto, Ph.D., Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 327-5615.

Sincerely,



Ms. Janette Brooks, Chief
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Enclosure

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Composite Wood Products
Airborne Toxics Control Measure (ATCM)

Public Workshop
Preliminary Agenda

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Discussion Topics^o

Please see the detailed agenda at:
www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/compwood.htm

Update on the Regulation Order

- Proposed Emission Standards and Other Issues
- Enforcement Program

Economic Impacts and Regulatory Costs

Health Risk Assessment

Rulemaking Schedule

Agenda updated on September 20, 2006