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*Secretary for
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Proposed Update to the AB 1807 Toxic Air Contaminant Identification List

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff is in the process of updating its Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) Identification List. This list has been updated periodically since 1985 and is used by the ARB to organize and prioritize chemicals for entry into the TAC Identification process. A background on the Assembly Bill (AB) 1807 TAC Identification Program and the TAC Identification List is provided in Enclosure 1. The list was last updated in June 1996 (see Enclosure 2). We are now providing you our 1997 proposed list update for your review (see Enclosure 3). We would particularly like to ask for your assistance in providing us with comments on the proposed list as follows:

- 1) We are proposing to rearrange the categories to reflect which substances are federal Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), and the status of the availability of health values for these substances. All HAPs were formally identified as TACs as required by AB 2728 (Tanner 1992) in April 1993;
- 2) We are proposing to place 14 substances into the nomination categories (IIb and IVb) from other categories. Category IIb contains substances which are HAPs identified as TACs, nominated for review for development of health values. Category IVb contains substances which have not yet been identified as TACs, nominated for review under the TAC program. Substances are chosen from Categories IIb and IVb for formal entry into the program for review and are then placed into Categories IIa and IVa, respectively. Please comment on:
 - Should the 14 substances be nominated for review?
 - Should other substances be nominated?
 - Should any of the 14 substances be moved into Category IIa or IVa for formal entry into the program for review?
 - Should other substances be placed into Category IIa or IVa for formal entry into the program for review?

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- 3) Also, we specifically request information on anticipated uses, emissions, and health concerns of caprolactam, formerly a HAP. We are making this request because we have been asked to remove caprolactam from our list since it has been removed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from the federal HAPs list.

Enclosure 4 describes our proposed changes in more detail. Enclosure 5 contains excerpts from the *Toxic Air Contaminant Identification List Summaries* report that will give a brief overview of the 14 substances listed in categories IIb and IVb. We request that you send your comments by November 17, 1997, to:

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Following receipt of comments, we plan to present our proposed changes to the Scientific Review Panel. After we receive input from the Scientific Review Panel, the updated list will be considered by the Air Resources Board at a noticed public meeting. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Janette Brooks, Manager, Implementation Section, at (916) 322-9148 or Ms. Michele Houghton at (916) 327-2979.

Sincerely,

//s// Genevieve A. Shiroma, Chief
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Enclosures

cc: See next page.

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