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Aboveground Storage Tanks Vapor Recovery Workshop

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is developing enhanced vapor recovery (EVR) standards for vapor recovery systems using aboveground gasoline storage tanks (ASTs). It is ARB's intent to apply EVR standards for AST vapor recovery systems through a new rulemaking process. The AST EVR rulemaking package is tentatively scheduled to be presented at an ARB hearing in October 2002. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an update on ARB's current and future efforts towards adopting AST EVR standards.

On September 18, 2001, and December 7, 2001, ARB met with state, local, and industry representatives to initiate discussions toward developing these standards. Specific topics discussed included:

- proposed AST EVR requirements, standards, and specifications;
- proposed AST EVR test procedures;
- the need to inspect, monitor, and test existing AST vapor recovery systems to better understand how AST vapor recovery systems are performing (i.e., Phase I, Phase II, summer and winter fuels, ambient conditions, etc.);

As a result of these meetings, a preliminary draft AST EVR certification procedure has been prepared. In addition, the monitoring of AST vapor recovery systems have begun with additional monitoring being planned. The draft certification procedure and monitoring data will be shared at this workshop.

The time and place for the workshop are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2002

TIME: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: California EPA Headquarters
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/Location.htm>.

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>.

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This workshop will immediately follow the Enhanced Vapor Recovery Technical Review Workshop scheduled the same day from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The AST EVR workshop may begin earlier depending on when the EVR Technical Review Workshop ends.

The workshop facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodations are needed, please contact Elizabeth Mongar at (916) 327-0900 by January 29, 2002. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 342-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

We invite your participation at the February 5, 2002, workshop. If you cannot attend the workshop and would like to provide comments, or if you have questions regarding this workshop, please call Pat Bennett at (916) 445-9308, or via e-mail at pbennett@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed Copy on File

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