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TO: CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL AND UTILITY
FLEETS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: ADVISORY ON 2007 COMPLIANCE DEADLINE
FLEET RULE FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND UTILITIES

The purpose of this advisory is to notify owners and operators of vehicles subject to the Fleet Rule for Public Agencies and Utilities that the Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) has verified two new diesel emission control strategies to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) from older on-road engines: the HUSS Umwelttechnik FS – MK system, verified November 2006, and the Cleaire Horizon, verified February 2007. Therefore, public agency and utility fleet owners and operators of Group 1 (1960 – 1987 model year (MY) engines) and Group 2 (1988 – 2002 MY engines) vehicles have technology available to meet the compliance schedule in Table 3, title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2022.1(c). Fleet owners and operators can obtain information on these and other ARB verified devices at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm> .

The compliance deadline for 20 percent best available control technology (BACT) on Group 1 and Group 2 engines is December 31, 2007. Fleet owners and operators are encouraged to contact manufacturers and/or authorized dealers as soon as possible to get more information on these devices.

What if a verified device will not work on my vehicle?

If a control strategy is available, but has been determined incompatible with an engine/vehicle combination, the owner may apply for an individual vehicle extension provided that BACT has been applied to all other vehicles (within same Group) as required. Technical analysis and/or documentation from the device manufacturer must be provided with the request for a compliance extension, as well as the documentation of BACT implementation on remaining vehicles in same Group.

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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A notification by letter to ARB requesting a compliance extension must be made by July 1, 2007, for the December 31, 2007 compliance deadline. Compliance extension requests received by ARB after July 1, 2007, will be denied. Letters may be sent to Chief, Heavy-Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch, Post Office Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Mead, Manager, at (916) 324-9550 or email at kmead@arb.ca.gov; or Mr. Warren Hawkins, at (916) 324-6771 or email at whawkins@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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