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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 118
AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss regulatory concepts for the development of the Air Quality Guidelines as required under AB 118 (Statutes of 2007), the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007.

AB 118 provides about \$200 million annually through 2015 for three new programs to develop and deploy technology, alternative and renewable fuels, and fund air quality improvement projects. These programs are: 1) the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), 2) the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (Fuel and Technology Program), and 3) the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program.

Statute directs ARB to develop Air Quality Guidelines for the AQIP and the Fuel and Technology Program to ensure that both programs complement efforts to meet the federal and state ambient air quality standards and to reduce air toxics. The guidelines must also ensure that projects funded under each program maintain or improve upon the emission reductions and air quality benefits in the State Implementation Plan for ozone and California's gasoline and diesel fuel regulations. The proposed guidelines are scheduled to be presented to the Board at a public hearing in September 2008.

At the workshop, ARB staff will present initial draft regulatory concepts for the Air Quality Guidelines. Broader discussions of the AQIP and the Fuel and Technology Program will take place at other workshops. Staff will post the draft regulatory concepts on ARB's web site (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm>) prior to the workshop. The workshop is scheduled for:

DATE: Friday, June 20, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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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For those unable to attend in person, the workshop will also be webcast. On the day of the workshop, the broadcast can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> . Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance, or contact the ADA Coordinator, at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator, at (916) 323-7053. We welcome your participation.

If you have questions regarding the workshop or the Air Quality Guideline development, please contact Ms. Johanna Levine, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-6971 or jlevine@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

/s/

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