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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS TEST PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS FOR ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES AND HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES (HEV) IN THE PASSENGER CAR, LIGHT DUTY TRUCK AND MEDIUM DUTY VEHICLE CLASSES, AND AFTERMARKET PARTS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-VEHICLE CHARGE CAPABLE CONVERSION SYSTEMS

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on September 24, 2008 in El Monte, California, to discuss proposed amendments to exhaust and evaporative emission test procedures for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs) in the passenger car, light duty truck and medium duty vehicle classes, and proposed certification and installation procedures for off-vehicle charge-capable conversion systems. The discussion will focus on requirements for aftermarket kits converting conventional vehicles and HEVs to Plug-In HEVs. Staff will also present a proposed optional method for determining Fuel Cell and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle range.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: September 24, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9480 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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Participants unable to attend in person may take part via conference call. Please contact Abby Estebat by email at aestebat@arb.ca.gov to request call information.

Draft test procedures and certification requirements will be available on the HEV Test Procedures website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/hevtest/hevtest.htm>) the week prior to the workshop. The workshop agenda and presentation will also be available on the website prior to the workshop.

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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The ZEV Program list serve will be used to notify stakeholders of upcoming events relating to the HEV Test Procedures. If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the HEV Test Procedures, please sign up at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/zev-program.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) 324-5049.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding either the workshop or the proposed modifications to the test procedures or new certification requirements, please contact Ms. Elise Keddie, Manager, at (916) 323-8974 or via email at ekeddie@arb.ca.gov, or Ms. Lesley Crowell, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-2913 or via email at lcrowell@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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