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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONVERSION CERTIFICATION
PROCEDURES FOR NEW AND IN-USE VEHICLES AND ENGINES

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the alternative fuel conversion certification procedures for both new and in-use vehicles and engines. Alternative fuel conversions involve reconfiguring a previously certified gasoline or diesel vehicle or engine to operate on natural gas, propane, alcohols, or a blend of conventional and alternative fuels. Staff will be soliciting input on proposals to address the following areas:

- Application and review process
- Requirements for demonstrating emission compliance
- Test fuel specifications
- Requirements for demonstrating on-board diagnostic compliance
- Changes to address the sales window for converted vehicles and engines
- Other items of interest

Workshop Participation

You may attend the public workshop in person or participate via teleconference. The workshop will be held at the date and time shown below:

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium – Annex 4
9528 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

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 following information is needed to participate via teleconference:

USA Toll Free Number:	888-677-4430
International	1-517-308-9042
Passcode:	29542

Background

On August 14, 2012, staff held an informational workshop in El Monte, California, to discuss ARBs current alternative fuel conversion requirements for new and used vehicles and engines. Based on comments received at the workshop and recent changes adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to their procedures for certifying alternative fuel conversions, staff began investigating the need for updates to ARB's procedures.

On January 22, 2013, staff held a public workshop in El Monte, California, to discuss preliminary concepts designed to simplify the application process and better align ARB's alternative fuel conversion certification procedures with the changes recently adopted by U.S. EPA.

At both workshops, staff solicited comments from stakeholders and affected industry to develop staff's current proposals. These proposals will be presented to all interested parties at the May 1 public workshop.

Additional Information

Staff will post presentation materials and an agenda prior to the workshop to ARBs alternative fuel conversion certification procedures website at, <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/altfuelconv/altfuelconv.htm> .

ARB will also use the Alternative Fuel Conversion Certification Procedures list serve to provide stakeholders with further information regarding staff's proposals. If you wish to sign up for this list serve, please visit:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=altfuelconv

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Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the workshop. Comments may be submitted by email to dbloudof@arb.ca.gov or by postal mail before the workshop:

Postal Mail: Mr. Dean Bloudoff
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If you require special accommodations or have special language needs, please contact Ms. Dee Enos-Friedman, at (916) 323-4440 or via email at denosfri@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible or no later than 10 business days before the scheduled workshop. Teletypewriter/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any questions about this workshop, please contact Mr. Craig Duehring, Manager, at (916) 323-2361 or via email at cduehrin@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Dean Bloudoff, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 322-8987 or via email at dbloudof@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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