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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES TO THE IN-USE ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL-FUELED VEHICLE REGULATION

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a series of public workshops to discuss proposed amendments to the In-Use On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Vehicle regulation (regulation).

At its October 24, 2013 meeting, the Board directed ARB staff to develop a number of proposed changes to the regulation that could provide fleets additional flexibility in complying with the regulation. In developing these changes, staff will evaluate them to ensure that emission levels remain similar to what would be expected under the current regulation, and do not jeopardize a region's ability to meet health-based federal air quality standards. The potential changes include:

- increasing low-use vehicle thresholds;
- allowing owners to newly opt-in to a number of existing flexibility provisions;
- expanding the regions that meet the definition of "NOx exempt," and;
- providing additional time for fleets in some areas to meet the regulation's particulate matter requirements.

At these workshops, staff will be soliciting input on the proposed amendments and the analytical methodologies that will be used in the supporting technical analysis. Staff plans to present proposed regulatory amendments to the Board at its April 2014 meeting.

The Board also directed staff to allow fleets the opportunity to report their intent to take advantage of the planned regulatory changes before staff presents them to the Board for approval. Staff has posted an advisory describing how fleets may report and take early advantage of the proposed changes at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/regulation.htm.

Workshop Locations

The workshops will be held in four locations at the following dates and times:

Diamond Bar

Date: Tuesday December 3, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copely Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Sacramento

Date: Wednesday December 4, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812
http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm

Redding

Date: Thursday December 5, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: City of Redding
Civic Center Council Chambers
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, California 96001

San Diego

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Chula Vista Public Library
365 F Street
Chula Vista, California 91910

Fresno

Date: Thursday December 12, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Region Office
Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726

The public can also attend the workshop by video conference at the air district's Bakersfield and Modesto offices:

Bakersfield Office	Modesto Office
34946 Flyover Court	4800 Enterprise Way
Bakersfield, CA 93308	Modesto, CA 95356

For those unable to attend in person, a live internet broadcast (webcasting) will be available at our workshop on December 4, 2013. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1. An email address will also be available to submit questions or comments.

Background

The regulation requires diesel truck and bus owners to take steps to reduce their engine emissions. The regulation is a part of the State's plan to meet federal ambient air quality standards and to protect public health, particularly near roadways and distribution centers where exposure frequently reaches unhealthy levels. Nearly all trucks and buses with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds that operate in California are required to be upgraded between 2012 and 2023 to reduce exhaust emissions.

Most heavier trucks and buses (with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 26,000 pounds) will be required to have a particulate matter filter by January 1, 2014. There are certain exceptions to these requirements for owners that have reported to use flexibility options allowed under the regulation. These include, but are not limited to, certain agricultural and limited-use construction trucks, low-use vehicles, and vehicles operated in certain rural areas.

Additional Information

The presentation, as well as any additional material, including proposed regulatory language, will be available prior to the workshop at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck. The hard copy materials will also be available at each location on the day of the meeting.

If you did not receive this notice directly, but would like to be on the email list for future notifications, please sign up via our website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=onrdiesel.

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 contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please call our toll free diesel regulation information line at 1-866-6DIESEL (1-866-634-3735) or e-mail 8666diesel@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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