



# Air Resources Board



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May 22, 2013

Mr. Michael Villegas  
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Dear Mr. Villegas:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has recently concluded a program review of Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (District) implementation of State-sponsored incentive programs, including the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP), the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program), and the Lower-Emission School Bus Program funded by Proposition 1B funds (Proposition 1B School Bus Program). The scope of this review included grants made in fiscal years 2007-08 through 2010-11.

During the period of time covered by this program review, the District administered over \$12.7 million in State grants and matching funds to reduce emissions through the purchase of:

- 213 engine replacements and/or retrofits through the Carl Moyer Program, and
- 27 new school buses and 102 retrofits of diesel school buses through the Proposition 1B School Bus Programs, and
- 491 new zero-emission lawn mowers in the AQIP.

ARB's program review report is enclosed. Our review confirms that the District's incentive programs are efficiently and effectively achieving their emission reduction objectives. The enclosed report identifies one finding for the Carl Moyer Program and one finding for the Proposition 1B School Bus Program, both related to program documentation. It is my understanding that the District has begun action to address the findings. This report also commends the District for implementing a more stringent cost-effectiveness cap than required by statute for the Carl Moyer Program, resulting in delivery of greater emission reductions for every public dollar expended. This has had the additional benefit of funding a greater number of Moyer projects.

*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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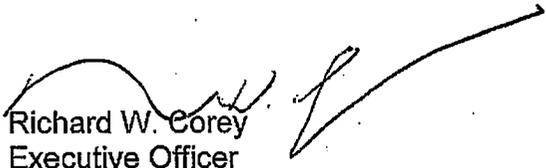
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Under established program review guidelines, the District has 30 days from the date of this cover letter to submit a formal response, if desired, to the enclosed Program Review Report. The report and any District responses will then be posted together on ARB's website. We encourage you to also make this information public to residents within the District.

I want to thank you and your staff for working with us through the course of this review. The District's incentive programs contribute significant and vital air quality improvements to the South Central Coast Air Basin, and provide opportunity to numerous grantees within the basin to cost-effectively reduce public exposure to diesel emissions in California.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact Scott Rowland, Branch Chief, at (626) 350-6518 or via email at [growland@arb.ca.gov](mailto:growland@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure

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