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March 8, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff has scheduled a workshop on April 25, 2002, to discuss a proposed control measure to reduce evaporative and permeation emissions from small off-road engines (SORE). We are proposing to set a diurnal evaporative standard for walk-behind mowers and a permeation standard for fuel tanks used on small off-road engines subject to the requirements of Sections 2400 et. seq. Title 13, California Code of Regulations. Specifically, this applies to gasoline-powered engines that are less than 25-horsepower.

The workshop will be held at the date, time and location listed below:

DATE: April 25, 2002
TIME: 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
PLACE: Air Resources Board
Annex 4 Auditorium
9530 Telstar Ave.
El Monte, California 91731

Enclosed is the agenda for the workshop, test data on recent testing of lawnmower and direction to the workshop location. The data summarizes testing conducted by staff to quantify baseline evaporative emissions and feasible emission reductions using fluorinated fuel tanks, low permeation fuel lines, and a prototype mechanism to automatically seal the fuel tank. We would appreciate comments on the emission reduction data and the methods used to achieve the reductions.

As part of the public review process we welcome your input and suggestions as we develop and refine the control measure. All information related to this control measure can be found at the ARB web site, www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/sore/sore.htm. Written comments should be submitted to James Watson at the address listed on the letterhead. Comments can be submitted to Mr. Watson by fax at (916) 322-2444 or by e-mail at jwatson@arb.ca.gov.

This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact Elizabeth Mongar at (916) 327-0900 by March 22, 2002. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

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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We appreciate your participation in our process. To ensure adequate seating, please call Elizabeth Mongar at (916) 327-0900 by no later than April 15, 2002, if you are planning to attend.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact James Watson at (916) 327-1282 or Dean Bloudoff at (916) 323-1169.

Sincerely,

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