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# Air Resources Board

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Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

November 17, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to inform you about a future Air Resources Board (ARB) regulation that could affect off-road equipment used in mining operations. The purpose of the regulation is to reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions from in-use (existing) off-road equipment in California. Such equipment is used in construction, mining, and industrial operations. Examples of types of equipment that will be affected by the regulation include loaders, backhoes, and excavators. The regulation will require changes to in-use diesel-powered equipment greater than 25 horsepower. We are developing this regulation as part of ARB's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan, which is designed to reduce diesel PM emissions from various sources.

We would like you to participate in a survey we are conducting in order to give us a better understanding of your business practices, such as, purchasing, leasing, and idling policies for diesel off-road equipment. The information that we obtain from your response to this survey will benefit all parties as we develop the regulation. The information you provide in the survey will be very valuable to us. If you have already completed the survey, there is no need to fill it out again. We would like all survey responses by February 15, 2006.

We prefer that the survey be completed on-line at our website:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/orsurvey/intro.htm>. However, you can fill out the enclosed copy of the survey and mail it to:

California Air Resources Board  
Mobile Source Control Division  
Attn: Jackie Johnson  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

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If you have any questions regarding the regulation, please contact Ms. Kitty Martin, Manager, at (916) 324-1362.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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In-Use Control Measures Section

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In-Use Control Measures Section

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