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February 13, 2013

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the South Coast 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (2012 AQMP) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and ozone for the South Coast Air Basin. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) adopted the 2012 AQMP on December 7, 2012. ARB approved the 2012 AQMP on January 25, 2013.

The 2012 AQMP submittal consists of two hard copies and two electronic copies on compact discs of the following items.

- I. The SCAQMD submittal package, including:
 - A. December 20, 2012 letter from Dr. Barry R. Wallerstein, SCAQMD Executive Officer, to Mr. James Goldstene, ARB Executive Officer and Dr. Deborah Jordan, U.S. EPA Region 9 Air Division Director.
 - B. Approved Board Letter regarding the 2012 AQMP and related documents (2012 AQMP proposal letter from Dr. Wallerstein to the SCAQMD Board, SCAQMD Board Motions and errata sheet).
 - C. Governing Board Adoption Resolution 12-19 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report and adopting the 2012 AQMP.
 - D. Final 2012 AQMP including Appendices I through VIII, December 2012.
 - E. Proof of Publication for Notices of Public Hearings (compact disc only).
 - F. Response to Comments on the 2012 AQMP, November 2012 (compact disc only).

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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- II. ARB Resolution 13-3 adopting the 2012 AQMP as a revision to the SIP for the South Coast Air Basin.
- III. ARB Staff Report, *Proposed Revisions to the PM2.5 and Ozone State Implementation Plans for the South Coast Air Basin*.
- IV. ARB Public notice evidence.
- V. Written comments received by ARB.
- VI. Transcript for ARB January 25, 2013 Public Meeting to consider approval of the South Coast 2012 AQMP.

The 2012 AQMP includes on-road motor vehicle emission budgets for the year 2014. To ensure that any future updates to these budgets are used expeditiously in the conformity process, we request that U.S. EPA allow budgets to be replaced upon a finding of adequacy. To accomplish this, we ask U.S. EPA to limit its approval of the budgets submitted today to last only until the effective date of future U.S. EPA adequacy findings for replacement budgets. We anticipate Board action on new budgets as part of the 2015 SIP process to address the 2008 ozone standard in July 2015.

Without the ability to replace the applicable emissions budgets with submitted budgets found adequate using the budget adequacy process, the benefits of using the updated data may not be realized for a year or more after the SIPs are submitted, due to the SIP approval process. We appreciate U.S. EPA's willingness to work with us in our efforts to utilize motor vehicle emission budgets based on the most up-to-date, accurate data as soon as possible upon availability.

ARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Mr. Douglas Ito, Chief, Air Quality and Transportation Planning Branch, at (916) 322-0285.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: See next page.

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cc: (with Board Resolution 13-3 only)

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