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November 14, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to invite you to participate in the first meeting of the Maritime Air Quality Technical Working Group (Maritime Working Group). We are convening the Maritime Working Group to provide a forum for discussion of air quality issues and concerns pertaining to maritime activities in California. We expect the Maritime Working Group to include a variety of stakeholders, including the Ports, commercial shipping companies, portside representatives, regulatory agencies, and community and environmental groups. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Date: December 6, 2001
Time: 10:30 - 1:00 PM
Location: Port of Long Beach
925 Harbor Plaza, 5th Floor Training Room
Long Beach, California

At this first meeting, we will provide an overview of the emissions from maritime activities and their impacts in California, discuss current efforts underway to reduce air pollution from commercial marine vessels, and provide you with a summary of new emission reduction strategies that are being proposed for inclusion in the Air Resources Board's *Clean Air Plan: Strategies for a Healthy Future*. The Port of Los Angeles will also discuss the Vessel Speed Reduction Memorandum of Understanding, under which commercial cargo ships are requested to reduce their speed near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. A preliminary agenda is enclosed with this letter.

Future meetings will address a variety of maritime air quality topics, depending on the input from meeting participants. Since the Maritime Working Group is intended to address *statewide* maritime air quality issues, future meetings may alternate between southern and northern California.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Mr. Paul Milkey, Technical Analysis Section, at pmilkey@arb.ca.gov, or (916) 327-2957. Also contact Mr. Milkey if you did not receive this letter directly, but would like to be on the mailing list for future notification.

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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This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations to attend this meeting, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 323-4327 by November 26, 2001. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9431, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Ms. Peggy Taricco, Manager, Technical Analysis Section, at (916) 327-7213, or via e-mail at ptaricco@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Peter D. Venturini, Chief
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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Peggy Taricco, Manager
Technical Analysis Section
Stationary Source Division

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Maritime Air Quality Technical Working Group

**December 6, 2001
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Port of Long Beach
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Long Beach, California

- I. Introductory Comments
- II. Perspective on Emissions from Maritime Activities
- III. Efforts to Address Emissions
- IV. Future Emission Reduction Strategies
- V. Voluntary Speed Reduction Program
- VI. Future Topics for Discussion
- VII. Closing Remarks