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PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS A RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD FOR NITROGEN DIOXIDE

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss a staff recommendation to amend the nitrogen dioxide ambient air quality standard. On January 5, 2006, ARB released for public review a Staff Report and Technical Support Document entitled "Review of the California Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide." These documents contain staff findings which form the basis of staff recommendations for amending the California ambient air quality standard for nitrogen dioxide. The date and location of the workshop are listed below:

Date: **Thursday, February 1, 2007**
Time: 10 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, Second Floor
California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

At the workshop, staff from ARB and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will briefly summarize their findings and recommendations for the State nitrogen dioxide standard. The draft version of the staff report was peer reviewed by the Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) at a public meeting held on June 12 and 13, 2006. Staff will discuss the AQAC findings, and respond to public questions and comments. The workshop on February 1 will be webcast at http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php.

The staff recommendation to amend the State nitrogen dioxide standard is scheduled for consideration by the ARB at a public hearing on February 22, 2007. The release of the Staff Report and Technical Support Document on January 5, 2007 begins the official 45-day comment period prior to the Board meeting. You may download the documents from our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aags/no2-rs/no2-revised.htm>.

If you do not have Internet access, please call Peter Mathews at (916) 323-8711 and we will provide a written copy.

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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Please check our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aags/no2-rs/no2-ws2.htm> for updates on workshops and maps to the workshop sites. Updates on the nitrogen dioxide standard are sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/aags.htm>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you require assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

If you have questions regarding the review of the nitrogen dioxide standard, please contact Linda Smith, Ph.D. at (916) 327-8225 or lsmith@arb.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact Norman Kado, Ph.D. at (916) 323-1500 or nkado@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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