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To: All Permanent Amusement Ride Owners

Subject: New Fee Schedule for Permanent Amusement Rides

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent in order to advise you that the Division will be implementing a new fee schedule, beginning January 20, 2011, for all permanent amusement ride inspections and rides operating in the State of California. This new fee schedule increases the existing \$125.00 hourly inspection rate to a \$195.00 hourly inspection rate, and adds an additional annual fee per ride based on the size and classification of the attraction as described in an attachment to this letter titled Amusement Ride Classifications.

These changes can be found in the following code sections of the Permanent Amusement Ride regulations:

**New Section 344.16 (d) (1)** A fee of one hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$195.00) per hour shall be charged for all on-site work performed in connection with audits, inspections, re-inspections and investigations pertaining to permanent amusement rides. The Division shall bill an inspector's time in quarter-hour increments, rounded up to the nearest quarter hour.

**New Section 344.16 (e) Annual Fee:** In addition to the hourly fee for inspections, re-inspections, and investigations, each permanent amusement ride shall pay an annual fee to offset the Division's travel and administrative costs. The Division shall base the amount of the annual fee on the classification of the permanent amusement ride as either: Class I (small) \$25.00, Class II (medium) \$365.00, Class III (large) \$740.00, or Class IV (extra large) \$1,475.00. **Section 344.16 (f) (1)-(4)** Describes the criteria for each class listed above.

As part of the new annual fee classifications, a new definition has been added to section 344.6 Definitions.

**NEW Section 344.6 (j)** A "Ride Footprint" is the surface area, expressed in square feet, that is covered by the ride, itself, and does not include the passenger waiting area or queuing area.

During the first inspection that is conducted on each ride on or after January 20, 2011, the engineer performing the inspection will determine your ride's classification based on the criteria for each class, and you will be charged the annual fee that corresponds with that classification. This fee will be added to the inspection fee, and a note of its inclusion will be made on the corresponding invoice. This same pattern will occur each year when the ride is invoiced for its first inspection of the year.

The Division's engineers will make every effort to include each owner in the classification process. You will be informed at the time of the first inspection on or after January 20, 2011 that your ride is being classified into a particular class, and the reasons for that determination. If you do not agree with a particular ride classification then you may contact the Senior Engineer for a review of the determination. When doing this, please be prepared to supply the information that is necessary for appropriately reviewing the ride characteristics and classifications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Eckman in the Santa Ana office (714) 567-7211 or myself in Sacramento at (916) 263-3511.

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**CLASS III (Large)      Annual Fee \$740.00**

- (a) Has a ride footprint of greater than 2,000 and up to and including 8,000 square feet
- (b) Elevates passengers higher than 60 feet and up to 120 feet off the ground
- (c) Roller coaster or similar type ride which travels a distance of up to and including 1,500 feet
- (d) Consists of more than 50 units
- (e) Has a capacity equal to, or greater than 50 passengers

**CLASS IV (Extra Large)      Annual Fee \$1,475.00**

- (a) Has a ride footprint greater than 8,000 square feet
- (b) Elevates passengers higher than 120 feet off the ground
- (c) Roller coaster or similar type ride which travels a distance of greater than 1,500 feet
- (d) Has complex features or controls (i.e. programmable logic controllers with safety features that interface with computer controllers or similar features or controls)