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Dear Advisory Committee Member:

Subject: Advisory Committee Meeting- Petroleum Safety Orders-Refining, Transportation and Handling, New Section 6875, in regards to Diesel Engine Air-intake Shutoff Devices

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend an advisory committee meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) in Sacramento, California, on August 27, 2009. The advisory committee will consider amendments to the Petroleum Safety Orders to address the hazards associated with the failure to control run-away diesel engines where accidental releases of flammable/combustible gas, vapor or dust could occur and result in a catastrophic ignition of the gas cloud. The proposal to add Section 6875 is as a result of Petition File No. 505 granted by the Board to the extent that a representative advisory committee be convened to consider requiring air intake shutoff devices on all diesel powered stationary and vehicle mounted equipment and vehicular diesel engines operating in refineries. A one-day advisory committee meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: **Thursday, August 27, 2009**
Time: **10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
Location: **Cal/OSHA Training Room**
2211 Park Towne Circle, Suite 5
Sacramento, CA 95825

Attached for your information and consideration are the following:

- 1) Meeting agenda
- 2) Advisory Committee membership roster
- 3) Proposed regulatory text
- 4) Petition File No. 505 Decision
- 5) Area maps showing the location for the meeting

Please review the rulemaking proposal and be prepared to discuss the necessity of the proposed new standard and the potential fiscal impact these changes may have.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, we encourage you to send an alternate or provide written comments to me by August 20, 2009. Your written comments will be reviewed and considered during the advisory committee meeting.

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is most appreciated by the Board and staff. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5723, or by e-mail at hboersma@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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