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Dear Advisory Committee Member:

Subject: Advisory Committee Meeting- Petroleum Safety Orders-Drilling and Production, Sections 6554, 6625, 6651 and 6684, in regards to Diesel Engine Air-intake Shutoff Devices and Spark Arrestors

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 February 8, 2011. 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 and sparks emitted from engine exhaust systems where accidental releases of flammable/combustible gas or vapor could occur and result in a catastrophic ignition of the gas cloud.

The proposal to amend Sections 6554, 6625, 6651 and 6684 is as a result of Petition No. 516 granted by the Board to the extent that a representative advisory committee be convened to consider requiring air intake shutoff devices and cyclone type spark arrestors on specified internal combustion engines operated at oil and gas production sites. The one-day advisory committee meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: **Tuesday, February 8, 2011**
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 No. 516 Decision

Please review the rulemaking proposal and be prepared to discuss the wording and 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 February 3, 2011. Written comments received by February 3 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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