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Subject: Avoid Penalties: Requirements of the California Truck and Bus Regulation for 1996-2004 Model Year Engines

Heavy-duty Vehicle Owners and Operators:

On January 1, 2013, the Truck and Bus Regulation requirements for heavier vehicles—vehicles over 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating—that have 2000 to 2004 model year (MY) engines take effect. The regulation reduces emissions of toxic diesel exhaust through requirements for the use of verified soot filters and/or upgrades to newer vehicles. Last year, similar requirements took effect for 1996-1999 MY engines. You are receiving this letter because the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records indicate you may own one or more diesel powered trucks or buses that must be in compliance with the regulation's upcoming compliance deadline.

Vehicles operating in California are subject to a number of clean air regulations, and each year Air Resources Board (ARB) inspectors regularly check thousands of trucks for compliance. Beginning January 1, 2013, ARB inspectors will begin checking for compliance with the upcoming Truck and Bus deadline at a variety of locations statewide including California Highway Patrol (CHP) weigh stations, random roadside locations, distribution centers, fleet facilities, truck stops, and other locations where trucks and buses are present. ARB inspectors will also perform electronic fleet audits.

A non-compliant vehicle (including out-of-state vehicles) may not be legally operated in California. Penalties start at a minimum of \$1,000 per violation per month and will increase significantly over time. As a result of past inspections, nearly \$2,000,000 in penalties has been assessed in the first nine months of 2012, with many recent cases still pending. Additionally, non-compliance can result in a DMV registration block on your truck and/or having your vehicle impounded by CHP until it is in compliance. For more information on possible penalties, see the "Enforcement" link at www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop.

If your vehicle is subject to the Truck and Bus regulation and you have not already taken action to comply, do not delay. It may take a month or longer to have a verified soot filter installed if one is needed. If your vehicle needs a soot filter and you do not

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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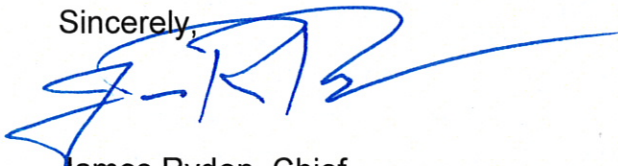
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have it installed by January 1, 2013, you will not be in compliance with the regulation; however, you may be able to significantly reduce non-compliance penalties by taking action now.

If you own three or fewer diesel trucks, you can take advantage of the small fleet option that delays compliance until January 1, 2014, by reporting your truck information to ARB. There is no cost for reporting.

More information on how to comply with the Truck and Bus regulation is available at ARB's TruckStop website at www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop, by calling 1-866-6DIESEL (866-634-3735) or via email at 8666DIESEL@arb.ca.gov. To report information regarding non-complaint fleets, call 1-800-END-SMOG or online at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/complaints.htm>

Sincerely,



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