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Dear Ms. Pickard:

On January 1, 2013, the Truck and Bus Regulation requirements for heavier vehicles; vehicles over 26,000 pounds gross weight rating, with 2000-2004 model year 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 engines.

Beginning January 1, 2013, the California Air Resources Board (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.

A non-compliant vehicle (including out-of state vehicles) may not be legally operated in California. Penalties start at a minimum of $1000 per violation, per month, and will increase significantly over time. 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.gov/truckstop .

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 Truck-Stop website at www.arb.ca.gov/truckstop, by calling 1-866-DIESEL (866-634-3735) or via email at 8666diesel@arb.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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