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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD)

Regulations adopted by the Federal EPA have mandated the use of ULSD in diesel powered vehicles. ULSD is diesel fuel that contains no more than 15 parts per million (ppm) sulfur content for on road vehicles. Its use is required in all 2007 model year and newer diesel powered on road vehicles.

The California Air Resources Board is making no distinction in their switch to ULSD - it will be required for both on-road and off-road vehicles and equipment with no exceptions. All diesel will be required to meet the 15 ppm sulfur content. The rule becomes effective June 1, 2006 in California and 100% of diesel produced must be 15 ppm ULSD. Effective July 15, 2006 California terminals must distribute 15 ppm ULSD and by September 1, 2006 all retailers must sell 15 ppm ULSD.

Additional Federal labeling requirements are being waived in California and Business and Professions Code, Section 13480 labeling requirements will continue to be the rule. Those requirements are Brand Name, Grade (#1 or #2), and Product (Diesel Fuel).

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to David Lazier, Chief, Weighmaster Enforcement/Petroleum Products Branch at (916) 229-3044.

Sincerely,

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