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States Adopt California's Clean Truck Standards

Amidst growing concern over continued public statements by representatives of the trucking industry and some diesel truck engine makers suggesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 highway diesel rule be delayed or weakened, state air quality agencies are taking action to ensure that the clean engine requirements of this important rule are implemented intact and on schedule. Facilitated by the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators and the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials, air regulators have developed a Model Rule to enable their use of their Clean Air Act authority to pursue adoption of California's 2007 highway diesel standards, which are identical to the federal standards. To date, 12 states have adopted or are about to adopt California's clean truck standards, which will be a key component of their strategies to achieve and sustain health-based national ambient air quality standards for ozone and fine particulate matter: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Please join STAPPA and ALAPCO at a luncheon briefing on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, as the associations unveil their Model Rule and answer questions about the states' actions.

WHAT: Luncheon Briefing on STAPPA and ALAPCO's *Cleaning Up Diesel Trucks: A Model Rule for States*

WHEN: Wednesday, September 29, 2004
Lunch Served: 12:30 pm
Briefing Begins: 12:45 pm

WHO: Bill Becker, Executive Director, STAPPA/ALAPCO
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* If you are unable to attend in person, please contact Bill Becker to arrange for a conference call connection to the briefing.