Dear Sir or Madam:

This is to inform you that the Air Resources Board (ARB) staff will be conducting public workshops to discuss amending the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Sterilizers and Aerators (Sterilizers/Aerators ATCM).

The ARB approved the Sterilizers/Aerators ATCM in May 1990. Following the adoption of the Sterilizers/Aerators ATCM, EtO control systems using reclamation technology have been installed at sources in California. The ARB staff, in cooperation with several California air pollution control and air quality management districts (districts), developed emission testing and permitting criteria for this newer technology to address the Sterilizers/Aerators ATCM requirements. We are proposing to incorporate these current practices, as well as several other technical changes, into the Sterilizers/Aerators ATCM.

In addition, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations (Sterilizer NESHAP). Rather than having two regulations for these facilities, we intend to amend the Sterilizer/Aerator ATCM to provide a single regulation that will continue to satisfy the existing State requirements and at the same time satisfy the federal requirements.

Please join us to discuss our proposal to amend the Sterilizer/Aerator ATCM. The workshop is scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

**Date:** November 19, 1996  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** California Energy Commission Building  
Hearing Room A  
1516 9th Street  
Sacramento, California

**Date:** November 21, 1996  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Auditorium  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California
For your review, we have enclosed a summary outlining the amendments we are considering and the basis for proposing these amendments. In addition, we have included a summary of recent source tests done on reclamation systems, recommendations for permitting the Joslyn Reclamation System, and a comparison of the Sterilizer/Aerator ATCM and the Sterilizer NESHAP.

We hope you will be able to participate in this workshop. There is no need to notify us regarding your plans to attend the workshop. If you cannot attend the workshop, but would like to provide comments, you may contact Mr. Ronald Walter, Process Evaluation Section, at (916) 327-5974, or provide written comments to the following address:

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Thank you for your attention in this matter. We appreciate your comments and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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