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## PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CHANGES TO AIR RESOURCES BOARD TEST METHOD 435 - DETERMINATION OF ASBESTOS CONTENT OF SERPENTINE AGGREGATE

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff are developing proposed modifications to ARB Test Method 435 – Determination of Asbestos Content of Serpentine Aggregate. This test method is referenced by two ARB airborne toxic control measures (for surfacing applications and for construction, grading, quarrying, and surface mining operations) that aim to limit public exposure to naturally-occurring asbestos. The main goal of these modifications is to reduce inter-laboratory variability in the determination of asbestos content in rocks and soils. Only the sample preparation and analytical portions of Test Method 435 are being considered for modification at this time. The sampling portion of this method will not be addressed during this revision.

Staff's proposed modifications to Test Method 435 are expected to be considered by the Board during February 2009. This will be the first of three workshops. The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** California Air Resources Board  
Monitoring and Laboratory Division  
1927 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

At the workshop, staff will present the results of an inter-laboratory study on Test Method 435 that confirmed significant variability in the asbestos content determination among the participating laboratories. In addition, staff will propose general areas of Test Method 435 that are currently being considered for revision. These areas, in addition to any other suggestions brought up at or before the workshop, will be discussed.

*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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Arrangements will be made to provide teleconferencing at the workshop. The workshop agenda, including teleconferencing information, will be posted one week prior to the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/asbestos/tm435/tm435.htm>. If you have not done so already, you can subscribe to the Asbestos list serve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/asbestos.htm>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

The workshop location is within three blocks of light rail. The enclosed map shows the location of a parking facility. Please note that street parking is generally limited to one hour and is strictly enforced.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions regarding the workshop or the regulatory development process, please contact Jeff Wright, Manager of the Operations Planning and Assessment Section at (916) 322-7055, or [jwright@arb.ca.gov](mailto:jwright@arb.ca.gov), or Rebecca Neumann, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-1145, or [rneumann@arb.ca.gov](mailto:rneumann@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Monitoring and Laboratory Division

Enclosure

cc: Jeff Cook, Chief  
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Quality Management Branch

Rebecca Neumann, MLD

## Parking Information

Curbside parking is limited → most spots are limited to one hour.

Daily parking (\$8 per day) is available at the parking garage located at 15<sup>th</sup> & R.

