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**PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO PRESENT  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD TEST METHOD 435  
AND  
CORRESPONDING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
ASBESTOS AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURES**

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. The main goal of these modifications is to reduce inter-laboratory variability in the determination of asbestos content in rocks and soils. Method 435 is referenced in the Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Surfacing Applications (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/atcm/asbeatcm.htm>) and the Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/atcm/asb2atcm.htm>). These two airborne toxic control measures (ATCMs) will be amended to reflect the modifications to Method 435.

Staff's proposed modifications to Method 435 and the resulting changes to the two asbestos ATCMs are expected to be considered by the Board in early 2009. The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 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 95811

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During a workshop held on January 24, 2008, an ARB staff presentation (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/asbestos/tm435/workshops/presentations/present1.pdf>) with subsequent discussion took place that addressed, in general terms, potential modifications to Method 435 to decrease inter-laboratory variability. The potential changes focused on the sample preparation and analytical portions of Method 435. ARB staff are now considering all portions (i.e. field sampling) of Method 435 for modification.

At the June 10, 2008, workshop, staff will present more refined proposed changes to Method 435. These changes will also include preliminary ideas on changes to the field sampling portion of the method. In all, the proposed changes are expected to greatly reduce inter-laboratory variability in the determination of asbestos content in rocks and soils and more accurately reflect any asbestos levels of concern in the field. In addition, staff will present how the two asbestos airborne ATCMs would change as a result of changes to Method 435.

Arrangements will be made to provide teleconferencing at the workshop. (The workshop will not be webcast.) 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.

In addition, Interstate 5 (I-5) near downtown Sacramento is scheduled to undergo significant construction work starting on May 30, 2008, and last for approximately seven weeks. Although construction will only occur for approximately one mile of freeway on I-5, the closing of lanes and on- and off-ramps are expected to cause a ripple effect on other freeways and main surface streets that lead into downtown during the active portions of the project. For the week of the workshop, however, the current, tentative schedule calls for the project to be between phases and all lanes and on-and off-ramps are scheduled to be open. For those who plan to attend in person, please check the

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status of this project at <http://www.fixi5.com/index.html> before finalizing travel arrangements.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions regarding the workshop or Method 435, 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). If you have questions specific to either of the asbestos ATCMs, please contact Robert Krieger, Manager of the Emissions Evaluation Section, at (916) 323-1202, or [rkrieger@arb.ca.gov](mailto:rkrieger@arb.ca.gov), or Steven Yee, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 322-1617, or [syee@arb.ca.gov](mailto:syee@arb.ca.gov).

If you need teleconferencing or attendance assistance on the day of the workshop, please call the ARB Monitoring & Laboratory Division at (916) 445-3743.

Sincerely,

/s/

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## 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.

