The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has been made aware of the inspection of school buses by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for those school buses which have been retrofitted with diesel particulate traps and/or oxidation catalyst. These inspections will be performed per Title 13, Motor Vehicles; Division 2, Department of the California Highway Patrol; Chapter 6.5, Motor Carrier Safety; Article 9, Additional Equipment Requirements for School Buses; Section 1272, Data Display and Chassis Certification.

CHP has schematics and manufacturer designs for the proper installation of diesel particulate traps and oxidation catalyst. The inspections are to ensure that proper installation of the retrofit equipment has occurred. CHP may contact your school district or company for the inspection of diesel school buses which have been previously retrofitted. If you have questions regarding this Advisory, or need any assistance, please contact Dean Saito at the address/phone number below.

Finally, we want to again recognize the important efforts of school districts who have equipped school buses with particulate traps to reduce public exposure, including that of school children, to carcinogenic air contaminants.

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