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UPCOMING HEARING ON CALIFORNIA CLEAN VEHICLE STANDARDS MAY IMPACT ARIZONA

Reacting to the Supreme Court decision in *Massachusetts v. EPA* holding that the Clean Air Act authorizes the regulation of greenhouse gases, the United States Environmental Protection Agency recently announced that it will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2007 on whether EPA should approve California's Clean Vehicle Standards. Written comments must be submitted by June 15, 2007. The California standards target the four key greenhouse gases linked to global warming. Under the Clean Air Act, California is permitted to adopt its own vehicle emissions standards upon approval of the EPA. Other states may then adopt California's standards or the Federal standards. California first applied for EPA approval of its Clean Vehicle Standards in December 2005.

On September 7, 2006, pursuant to recommendations of the Arizona Climate Change Advisory Group, Governor Napolitano issued Executive Order 2006-13. Among other things, the Executive Order directs ADEQ to adopt and implement the California Clean Vehicle Standards.

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