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To whom it may concern,

The Maryland Department of the Environment is considering regulatory action pertaining to distributed generation and would like to receive stakeholder input throughout this process. The Department would like to invite you to a stakeholder meeting to discuss proposed changes to regulation COMAR 26.11.36 Distributed Generation. The Department is reviewing internal combustion engine emission rates, allowances offsets for Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and measures that can improve air quality.

The Department has identified the operation of back-up generators, due to demand response call-outs, to be contributing to poor air quality in Maryland. The role of back-up generators at industrial, commercial and institutional facilities for peak shaving and demand response is under review, especially since the operation of these back-up generators is most likely to occur on hazy, hot summer days when ozone levels throughout Maryland can be extremely elevated.

The meeting will take place on June 24, 2013 from 1PM to 3PM at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21230 and will be held in the Aeris Conference room, 1st floor. Please reserve this date and note that additional meeting materials may be distributed prior to the meeting.

Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Carolyn Jones, at the Regulations Development Division at 410-537-3240.

Sincerely,

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