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To: All Members of the LIA Health and Safety Committee

Re: Public Health Service Press Release of January 26, 1967

Attached is a complete copy of this release which essentially covers two broad areas. The first concerns itself with financial support offered by PHS to local air pollution control. The second will be of interest to you and outlines briefly the procedure required to obtain your tax credits on the purchase of air pollution control equipment under federal law approved in November of 1966.

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The National Center for Air Pollution Control of the Public Health Service has scheduled three regional meetings to discuss proposed rules for awarding of Federal grants to help maintain effective air pollution control programs at the local, State, and regional levels of government.

Also scheduled for discussion at the meetings are proposed certification procedures involved in establishing eligibility for the Federal tax credit now available for air pollution control equipment installed by private firms.

The meetings will be held as follows: San Francisco, January 27, State Office Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue; Kansas City, Missouri, January 30, New Federal Office Building, 601 East 12th Street; and New York, February 2, offices of the Federal Trade Commission, 30 Church Street.

The major purpose of the meetings is to give State and local officials an opportunity to present their views on proposed regulations for awarding of air pollution control program maintenance grants, as authorized by the October 1966 amendments to the Clean Air Act.

This new form of Federal support is intended to help State and local governments carry on a sustained attack on community air pollution problems. Awards of up to one dollar in Federal funds for each dollar of State or local spending can be made to agencies serving a single State or municipality. Awards can be made on a three-to-two basis to agencies serving two or more municipalities; this higher degree of support is designed to stimulate regional control activities.

This support for the maintenance of State and local air pollution control programs is in addition to the financial assistance that has been -- and still is -- available for the creation of new programs or the improvement of existing programs; such assistance was authorized by the Clean Air Act as it was passed in December 1963.

The discussion of maintenance grants regulations will be conducted by Mr. Charles D. Jaffe, Chief of the Office of Program and Survey Grants of the National Center for Air Pollution Control. This will be followed by discussion of the proposed rules applicable to Federal certification of eligibility for the tax credit for air pollution control facilities.

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The tax credit is provided under provisions of Public Law 89-800, passed in November 1966. This legislation suspended the seven percent credit that had been available for investment in new commercial and industrial facilities, but it stipulated that the credit remain available for air and water pollution control facilities.

To qualify under the law, air pollution control equipment must be used primarily to remove, alter, or dispose of air pollutants; in addition, it must be certified both by the appropriate State air pollution control agency as being in conformity with applicable State regulations and by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare as being in compliance with applicable Federal regulations and the general policies of the Federal Government with respect to cooperation with States in the prevention and control of air pollution. Proposed rules for certification by the Secretary will be discussed at the forthcoming regional conference.

Though the subjects to be covered at the meetings will be of interest primarily to governmental officials, other interested parties are welcome to attend.

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