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MECA Announces Hiring of New Deputy Director

Washington, D.C. – The Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA) announced today the hiring of Dr. Michael Geller as its new Deputy Director. Dr. Geller takes over the position previously held by Dr. Rasto Brezny since 2006. Dr. Brezny has been appointed Executive Director of MECA following the retirement of Dr. Joseph Kubsh who had led the association for more than 10 years. Dr. Kubsh's distinguished 33-year career in the emission control industry was recognized at a reception held earlier this month in Washington, D.C., celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of MECA and the introduction of advanced motor vehicle emission control technology.

Prior to joining MECA, Dr. Geller worked for seven years in the Office of Transportation and Air Quality at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While at EPA, he served as an environmental engineer focusing on transportation policy, including an emphasis on domestic and international black carbon science and policy. Dr. Geller also served a temporary assignment as a special assistant to the EPA Administrator where he worked with EPA senior staff. Prior to EPA, Dr. Geller worked at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) from 2007 to 2008 where he was a member of the off-road mobile source group working to implement the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation and Carl Moyer Program funding grants. In addition, he supervised special monitoring within AQMD's Atmospheric Measurements group, which involved designing ambient air monitoring studies and analyzing air quality data. From 2003 to 2007, Dr. Geller was a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California (USC) where he supervised a research laboratory and conducted studies on air quality, with a particular focus on particulate matter from mobile sources. Dr. Geller is a graduate of USC, where he received his B.S. and M.S. in Environmental Engineering in 2000 and 2002, respectively, and his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering in 2003.

“I am excited to welcome Mike to the team at MECA,” said Dr. Brezny. “He brings with him a wealth of technical knowledge and research experience in air pollution control, as well as first-hand experience in environmental policy and regulatory compliance. With his proven skills, he will be a great asset to our organization.”

Founded in 1976, MECA is a national association of companies that manufacture a variety of exhaust emission control technologies, evaporative emission control technologies, and powertrain efficiency technologies for a range of mobile sources, including cars, trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles and equipment, as well as stationary internal combustion engines. For more information, please visit MECA’s website at: www.meca.org.

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