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MECA Announces Appointment of Dr. Michael Geller as its New Executive Director

Washington, D.C., July 14, 2026 – The Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA) has announced that Dr. Michael Geller is its next Executive Director, effective July 1. Dr. Geller has served as MECA’s Deputy Director since 2016 and was appointed Executive Director following the retirement of Dr. Rasto Brezny who has led the association for the past 10 years. Dr. Brezny has been dedicated to MECA’s mission for nearly 30 years, including representing a founding member on its Board, serving as Deputy Director and concluding his career as Executive Director. He will serve as Advisor to the Executive Director until September 1.

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), including a temporary assignment as a special assistant to the EPA Administrator where he worked with 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. 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 Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering.

“I am pleased to transfer the leadership of MECA to Mike Geller.” said Dr. Brezny. “As my Deputy Director for 10 years, he has been instrumental in shaping MECA’s success and is uniquely qualified to lead the association as we begin this next chapter.”

Dr. Geller added “It is an honor to lead this distinguished Association of global clean mobility technology suppliers after having the privilege of working alongside our members for the past decade. I look forward to building on our association’s strong legacy of promoting technology-neutral solutions that improve public health, strengthen American

manufacturing, and ensure the continued success of our industry. We will continue to demonstrate that economic prosperity and environmental progress go hand in hand.”

About MECA

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.

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