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California Air Resources Board (ARB) Glass Manufacturing Survey on GHG Now Online

(TOPEKA) - The Glass Association of North America (GANA) announced today that it has been notified that the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Survey of Glass Manufacturers is now online. According to ARB, "...staff has mailed out a Glass Manufacturing Sector Survey for owners/operators of three of the glass sectors: container, flat, and fiber glass."

Under Assembly Bill 32 (AB32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, ARB is required to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from sources in California. The overall mandate is to achieve 1990 GHG emission levels by 2020. According to ARB, "glass manufacturing plants are a source of GHG emissions. GHG emissions are emitted by: 1) direct emissions from fuel combustion, 2) direct emissions from raw material (limestone and soda ash) during combustion, and 3) indirect emissions from electricity use."

ARB staff is currently evaluating the potential strategies that the glass manufacturing industry can implement to achieve GHG emission reductions. Potential approaches in reducing GHG emissions from glass manufacturing plants were identified during a preliminary analysis and summarized in a concept paper available on the organization's website. A workgroup has been formed which will support ARB's technical assessment of the potential strategies. The technical assessment will determine if the strategies are technically feasible and cost-effective.

To download a copy of the flat glass survey, visit the ARB website at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/glass/glass.htm. For more information on GANA and its involvement with the growing energy segment of the industry, visit the GANA: Energy website at www.glasswebsite.com/energy.

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