# INVITATION TO THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE GRPE INFORMAL GROUP ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (EVE)

On invitation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the 9<sup>th</sup> informal group meeting on Electric Vehicles and the Environment will take place in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA:

- Meeting location: NVFEL Office Building, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan (for directions, see the map on page 2)
- Starting at 09:30 on February 17, 2014
- Ending at 17:30 on February 18, 2014
- Optional activities may take place on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (to be confirmed)

The objective of the 9<sup>th</sup> EVE-IWG meeting will be to conduct a final revision of the draft EVE Reference Guide, incorporating comments received during the 68<sup>th</sup> GRPE session, and prepare the Guide for submission to the GRPE as a formal document for consideration during the June 2014 session. There will also be a tour of the EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory (NVFEL) and a demonstration of the battery test facility.

During your attendance at the meeting, please consider:

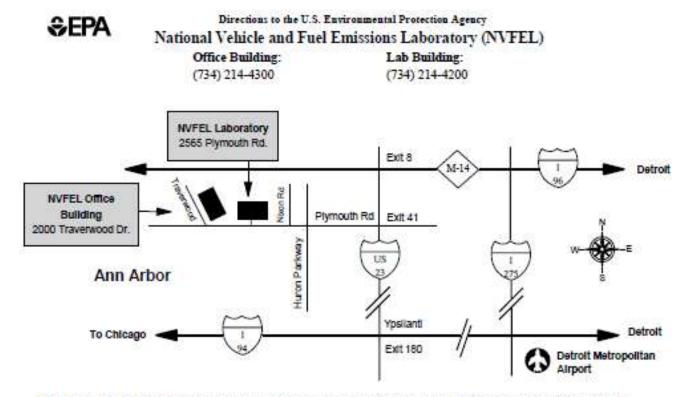
• Giving an EVE-related presentation: Participants are encouraged to give a presentation on their area of expertise relating to EVE topics of interest or standardization.

If you plan to attend the meeting, we would like to ask you to inform the EVE Secretary (<u>Erin.Marchington@ec.gc.ca</u>) by January 17, 2014. In your reply please note:

- 1. Planned attendance.
- 2. Presentation: If you will give a presentation at the meeting, please provide a brief description of the topic, where it should be included in the agenda, and how much time you require. (Please note that the final time and duration will be determined by the EVE Meeting planners. Presentations should be sent one week prior to the meeting.)

A finalized agenda and documents for the meeting will be up-loaded to the informal group webpage prior to the meeting as they become available: https://www2.unece.org/wiki/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=2523151

Directions, hotel and travel information can be found on page 2 and 3 of this document.



From Downtown Detroit: Take 1-96 West to M-14. Continue on M-14 to the US-23 South exit (Exit 8). Exit onto US-23 South. Within 1/4 mile, take the Plymouth Road exit (Exit 41). Turn right (west) on Plymouth Road. The NVFEL lab building is located about 1 mile west of US-23 on the north side of Plymouth Road. There is a large sign in front. Visitors' parking is on the right side of the entrance driveway; stop at the guard station. The NVFEL office building is located on Traverwood Drive, just west of the lab.

From Detroit Metropolitan Airport: Take I-94 West about 20 miles to US-23 (Exit 180). Exit onto US-23 North (toward Flint). Follow US-23 North about 5 miles to the Plymouth Road exit (Exit 41). Turn left (west) on Plymouth Road. The NVFEL lab building is located about 1 mile west of US-23 on the north side of Plymouth Road. There is a large sign in front. Visitors' parking is on the right side of the entrance driveway; stop at the guard station. The NVFEL office building is located on Traverwood Drive, just west of the lab.

## **Hotel and Travel Information:**

## http://www.metroairport.com/

Here is a site about Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the closest commercial airport to Ann Arbor (about 25 miles away). Detroit Metro serves most of the major commercial carriers, and is a hub for Delta Airlines.

## http://www.epa.gov/otaq/consumer/nvfelmap.htm

Here is a map from the airport to OTAQ's Ann Arbor offices. This site also includes links to general information about the Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

#### http://www.annarbor.org/

This is the area convention and visitors bureau site. You can also find interesting links to articles about places in Ann Arbor. You can find a place to stay here, too. The hotels closest to NVFEL are: Hampton Inn North, Holiday Inn Near the University of Michigan, Red Roof Inn University North. Hotels in downtown Ann Arbor are: Bell Tower Hotel and Dahlmann Campus Inn. There are several Bed and Breakfast options in the downtown area as well. All of these can be found by following the link above.

#### http://www.a2gov.org/Pages/default.aspx

This is the official City of Ann Arbor site. On it you will find links about things to do, current events, and much more.

#### http://www.arborweb.com/

This link is the official home of Ann Arbor Observer, a monthly publication that is delivered free to all Ann Arbor residents and focuses on all things Ann Arbor. Their site has excellent links to city guides for Ann Arbor and surrounding areas, for restaurants, for all kinds of events and meetings, and some interesting stories featuring Ann Arbor.