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## **EMA ADDS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TO STAFF**

Chicago, March 28, 2001 - Jed Mandel announced today that the Engine Manufacturers Association is enhancing its support to member companies by adding the position of Director, Environmental Affairs to its staff.

Mandel announced the addition of Kevin Kokrda to the EMA staff beginning April 16, 2001. Kokrda will provide additional staff expertise to member companies on the technical and environmental issues facing the industry. "Kevin is a great addition to our staff as the industry faces increasing regulatory issues in the environmental and emissions areas", said Mandel. "His knowledge and previous experience in the industry will allow him to be immediately effective".

Kokrda joins EMA from Kubota Engine America Corporation and has over twenty years of experience in the engine and equipment industries, with the most recent ten years focused on environmental issues related to engine exhaust emissions. Kevin brings with him a broad perspective on regulatory development, certification, and compliance issues that are needed to be effective on a worldwide basis. These qualifications, in addition to his working knowledge of EMA and many other trade associations, will allow him to make immediate contributions to the Engine Manufacturers Association.

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*EMA is a trade association representing worldwide manufacturers of internal combustion engines for all applications except passenger cars and aircraft. The EMA continues to work with government and industry stakeholders to help the nation achieve its goals of cleaner fuels, more efficient engines and cleaner air. For more information contact Joe Suhecki at (312) 827-8734 or visit our website at [www.engine-manufacturers.org](http://www.engine-manufacturers.org).*