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National Retrofit Update: A View from Washington, DC

Midwest Clean Diesel Collaborative
Leadership Group Meeting

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DERA

- \$60 million approved by House
- \$60 million approved by Senate Approps Committee
- Extra \$20 million in Senate (\$10 million for San Joaquin and SCAQMD; \$10 million for top five most polluted areas on competitive basis)
- Authorization expires in 2011
- Waxman/Markey climate bill includes reauthorization through 2016
- Authorization and secure funding being sought in Senate energy/climate legislation

Transportation Related Funding

- Senate considering an 18 mo. extension of Surface Transportation funding; House may consider 3 mo. extension
- House legislation includes no CMAQ priority language for diesel retrofits
- Possible clean construction provision in surface transportation legislation
 - Supporting letter sent to Transportation Committee Chairmen with 55 signatures
 - Letter calls for all construction vehicles working on federally funded projects to use DPF technology
 - If technology not already installed, federal funding to pay for retrofit

Black Carbon

- H.R. 1760 – Requires study of black carbon and promulgation of regulations (6 co-sponsors)
- S. 849 – Limited to further study of black carbon (8 co-sponsors)
- Waxman/Markey bill includes study of black carbon and promulgation of regulations
- Growing international research emphasizing BC contribution to climate change
- Potential focus on BC as easy, quick solution to reduce climate change effects through use of DPF retrofit technology
- DTF white paper on BC available in near future