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Upcoming Events

Here's what's happening in the clean diesel world in the coming weeks:

February 6: The Michigan State Diesel Coalition will hold its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Cummins Bridgeway offices located at 21810 Clessie Court, New Hudson, MI 48165. Anyone who is interested in attending is asked to RSVP by January 31 to Donna Davis, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, at davisdk@michigan.gov

February 6: Green Marine, in collaboration with the Shipping Federation of Canada, the St. Lawrence Economic Development Council, and Maritime Innovation, presents *Green Tech For Shipping Conference and Exposition*. The conference is targeted toward all maritime companies interested in improving their environmental performance, and will be of particular interest to domestic and international ship owners, ship operators, fleet managers, and ports and maritime terminal employees. For more information or to register for the event, visit: www.greenmarine.org/activities

February 8: The Wisconsin Clean Diesel Coalition will meet on Friday, February 8, from 9:30 to noon in the WHEDA Conference Room of the Tommy Thompson Building, 201 W. Washington, Madison, Wisconsin. The Coalition's on-road and non-road committees will provide updates, and the major focus of the meeting will be a discussion about the most effective ways to finance clean diesel projects throughout the State.

February 12: South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. At the meeting, South Shore Clean Cities will recognize its members' outstanding achievements and discuss upcoming projects and issues. EPA Region 5's Acting Division Director, Cheryl L. Newton, will be a guest speaker. For more information, contact Carl and Lorrie Lisek at (219) 365-4289 or by email at southscc@comcast.net

DERA: Funded And Rolling Out

In December, 2007, EPA received roughly \$49 million dollars in grant and loan funds as part of the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). The money will be divided into two groups. 70% of the funds will go to national, EPA-administered grant and loan programs, while the remaining 30% will be placed into state-administered programs. There is also a separate \$10 million dollar fund going to two areas in California. Specific details about the distribution of funds, as well as program timelines and target dates will be provided over the coming weeks. Expect to see RFA's for these programs in the spring.

More information, as it becomes available, can be found at the MCDI web site:

www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel

or at the National Clean Diesel Campaign web site:

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel

Ohio Extends 2008 Deadline For Applications To \$10M Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Fund

The deadline for applications to Ohio's Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Fund (DERG) has been extended to Monday, February 11th, 2008. The program is in its first full year of funding and is available for all public diesel engine fleets and private diesel engine fleets (with public sponsor) that have at least 20% matching funds and are committed to operating their updated diesel equipment in Ohio nonattainment and maintenance counties at least 65% of the time.

For more information, visit: <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/diesel-emissions/>

You can fax questions about the grant to (614) 466-1864 or by email at dieselgrant@odod.state.oh.us

Complete applications must be sent by mail to:

Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program

Advanced Energy Manager

Ohio Energy Office

77 S. High St. 26th Floor

P.O. Box 1001

Columbus, OH 43216-1001

Minnesota Awards \$1.2 Million Retrofit Grant, \$500k In CMAQ Funds

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has awarded a \$1.2 million grant for the retrofit of 650 school buses to Project Green Fleet (PGF). PGF is a partnership between businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations with the goal of reducing pollution from Minnesota school buses and protecting children's health. Other work under the scope of the grant includes outreach to achieve community recognition of this effort and development of a plan that describes how this state funding could leverage additional federal, state, local, and private funding to enable retrofitting the entire, eligible legacy school fleet within four years.

A half million dollar CMAQ grant (plus a \$125,000 MPCA funding match) will be used to retrofit 200 onroad Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area municipal vehicles. A request for proposals for the retrofit installation is expected to be announced sometime early this year. MPCA will be administering the work of this grant.

For more information, contact Fran Kurk at (651) 215-0242 or by email at fran.kurk@state.mn.us

Ohio EPA Clean Diesel School Bus Fund Retrofit Grants Program Update

Ohio EPA's innovative Clean Diesel School Bus Fund Retrofit Grants Program recently received reauthorization from the Ohio General Assembly to continue the school bus retrofit grant program into 2008-2009. The program takes money collected from Ohio EPA civil penalties and places it in a fund designed to address school bus emissions in priority areas across the state. The next grant application deadlines will be March 3, 2008, September 2, 2009, and March 2, 2009.

Since the program's inception, over \$1.4 million has been provided to 26 school districts to retrofit 545 school buses with clean diesel equipment.

For further information about the grant program, contact Carolyn Watkins at (614) 644-3768 or by email at carolyn.watkins@epa.state.oh.us

Region 5 Clean School Bus USA To Announce Funding 2007 Grants

Throughout the coming weeks, EPA Region 5 will be sending out letters to qualified applicants to the 2007 Clean School Bus USA grant. As we announce qualified applicants, we will be posting them on the web at www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/sectors/schoolbus/index.htm

For more information, contact Sheila Batka at (312) 886-6053 or by email at batka.sheila@epa.gov



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