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# Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative e-Update: July 2011



## Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant open application period until August 26

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has opened its application period for the Wisconsin Clean Diesel Grant Program. Any type of Wisconsin diesel fleet can apply for up to \$100,000 for a mix of projects including exhaust retrofits, idle reduction, engine repowers, engine emission upgrades, and vehicle replacements. Please thoroughly read the instructions and guidelines found on the WI Clean Diesel Grant Program web page to determine eligibility and specific program details. If you have questions after reviewing the Guidelines, please contact one of the program staff listed at the bottom of the web page. All official forms required as part of the application package are included below. **Application packages must be postmarked by August 26, 2011.**

You can find application documents, guidelines, and program information at the WDNR web site here:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/air/mobile/CleanDieselGP.htm>

## Deadline extended to December 30, 2011 for the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Awards (information update)

Because of staff and structural changes to the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (see the following story for more information), we are extending the application period for the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Awards to **Friday, December 30, 2011**. The awards will continue to be reviewed by the MCDI Award Committee (EPA Region 5, ALA of the Upper Midwest, Illinois EPA, and Cummins) and the submission and application criteria have not changed. We will celebrate selected awardees at the 2012 Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Annual Meeting, which will take place in Chicago in April 2012.

To review MCDI Award application criteria and to download and fill out an application, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/leadershipgroup/lgawards.html>

## Important changes to MCDI staff and structure that you need to know about

Over the past few months, EPA Region 5, the MCDI co-chairs, and our State, local, non-profit, and industry partners took a look at our progress over the last decade, and a look toward the direction we want to go in the future. Part of this review included looking at the structure of our Initiative, and asking whether it is suited to meet our current and future needs. We determined that a new structure will best provide for efficient information sharing, project preparation, outreach, and implementation as we move forward.

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What we've done is create a Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Steering Committee comprised of representatives from each of the six Region 5 states, and select partners from each State Clean Diesel Coalition. In addition, we've included our national partners like the Diesel Technology Forum, Caterpillar, and Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association. The Steering Committee meets regularly to discuss issues affecting the group and to plan current and future activities and outreach. For example, the Steering Committee is currently planning our 2012 MCDI Annual Meeting, which will take place at EPA Region 5 early April. The Steering Committee also helps decide larger group directions and priorities, like helping Region 5 develop regional priorities for DERA competitive grants. The steering committee members are:

- Illinois: Darwin Burkhart and Brian Urbaszewski and Ashley Collins, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
- Indiana: Shawn Seals, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Carl Lisek, South Shore Clean Cities and Wisconsin Clean Cities
- Michigan: Donna Davis and Bob Rusch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; Greg Zukowski, Macomb County Department of Roads
- Minnesota: Mark Sulzbach, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Bill Droessler, Minnesota Environmental Initiative
- Ohio: Joe Koncelik, Franz Ward LLP; Carolina Prado and Carolyn Watkins, Ohio EPA
- Wisconsin: Jessica Lawent, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; John Rodgers, Leonardo Academy
- National Groups: Dawn Fenton, Diesel Technology Forum; Antonio Santos, Manufacturer of Emissions Controls Association; Paul Cook, Caterpillar Emissions Solutions
- USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality: Julie Henning, USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality

The Steering Committee members can then go back to their constituents or State Clean Diesel Coalitions with these tasks, information, and directions and utilize them at the state level. As they have since 2008, Region 5's State Clean Diesel Coalitions remain the cornerstone of our Initiative's interaction at the 'ground level'. State Clean Diesel Coalitions will continue their important work of identifying and implementing projects in their respective states, while promoting various clean diesel funding sources and providing information about the effects of these projects. They can also work together to institute policies and practices. MCDI supports the development of state coalitions through technical assistance and project funds. The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Group has been dissolved as a result of this change in structure. All of the original partners in the Leadership Group continue to work closely with EPA and the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative. This new structure allows us to broaden our outreach and to more effectively administer this important public-private partnership.



MCDI's new organization chart

You can learn more about our new structure by visiting the "About Us" page on the MCDI web site:  
<http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/aboutus.html>

## Michigan Diesel Clean-Up Campaign looking for stakeholders

The Michigan Diesel Clean-Up Campaign is working on comprehensive solutions to alleviate diesel emissions from construction sites, because projects funded by public dollars should not be harming public health. Currently we are working to connect with all those affected by construction projects: laborer unions representing construction workers, companies developing cleaner diesel technologies, public health advocates, environmental and social justice groups. Ultimately, we would like to create a public stake-holder process to establish clean construction specifications for the State of Michigan. We are seeking partners and feedback on this initial phase of the work group. If your organization also shares the values of reducing diesel emissions on construction sites, please consider helping this process. You can contact Sarah Mullkoff by email at [smullkoff@cleanwater.org](mailto:smullkoff@cleanwater.org), or by phone at 517-203-0754.

## MCDI Spotlight On: Steve Marquardt

I must admit, I never write e-Updates from a personal point of view. But I don't really know of any other way to write this month's MCDI Spotlight. I know that we are all going to miss Steve Marquardt, who, as of August 1, will be leaving us in EPA Region 5's Air and Radiation Division (ARD) for a new position in the Water Division. There, he will oversee revolving loan funds, competitive grants (including everyone's favorite—ARRA funds) and other fiscal activities for the Water Division. If he's half the employee down there that he was here (the Water Division is a few floors down from where I'm typing this e-Update), they're in for some very effective fiscal management! Steve's presence and work in ARD has had a great effect on his coworkers. I've learned a lot from him. He's left some seriously big shoes for Frank, Carolyn, and I to fill. Figuratively and literally! Everyone knows that I'm not an eloquent person. So instead of trying to encapsulate what Steve meant to ARD and MCDI, I thought I would let his Air colleagues and MCDI partners tell him in their own words:

"Things seemed to work like clockwork under Steve's watch and even when they didn't he still tried to make them work that way. He's a class act that kept his eye on the ball, got information out as fast as he could and as widely as he could, and always had a thoughtful take on the machinations at EPA that were beyond his control. He was willing to push the envelope, harrass the higher ups for more, and always kept his word. Can't ask a guy for more than that. A true hat tip to a gentleman! I wish him only the best in the new world of water."

"I've known Steve since my air compliance days. What I've always wondered about him is, just how tall can a person be?"

"Steve has not only been an instrumental figure within MCDI, but he has also been a tremendous leader and asset for the National Clean Diesel Campaign. He thoughtfully guided the direction of the overall program from its inception, and tirelessly worked to bring Midwestern diesel issues and concerns into the national conversation. We sincerely thank him for all of his hard work and dedication for the National Clean Diesel Campaign."

"Steve has not only been a great colleague, but also a great friend and someone you can count on for clarification of issues or in learning new information. He has been of great help with Illinois' clean diesel program while supporting our projects and ideas, and in helping us find new funding sources. He will be missed by everyone who knows him in 'Air'."

"Steve has always been the professional and a down to earth person. I will miss his quick comebacks and humor! We will miss him but wish him much success in his future endeavors"

"We will miss Steve Marquardt, who was instrumental in coordinating regional participation in the DERA program. Nicknamed the "Voice of Reason," Steve has an ability to bring people together to make progress on environmental goals. He was also outstanding as the mobile source sub-lead coordinator at Region 5. We wish him the very best in his new position!"

"Awe man. So much to say. Steve has been our go-to guy. He has always made himself available to help each of us, even when in the midst of ARRA! He also would offer to help organize things and provide great ideas to move our initiatives forward. Just so generous with his knowledge, time, and ideas even when he was buried in work himself. He was so dedicated to our work and didn't want to see any of us fail so he made sure to go out of his way to help us succeed. Water is more than lucky to get him."

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"Steve rocks!"

"Steve is such a tall man. And so smart too. Once you get over the initial shock of his height, your jaw drops the first time he opens his mouth. Who knew Steve's wisdom would upstage his height? :) Best of luck to you Steve. You are an incredibly talented man who will go very far in life! It's been a pleasure knowing you."

"Steve seems to follow NHL hockey, but you never know who he's rooting for because he changes teams, almost like he's been traded. He's been a real pleasure to work with, usually calm and level headed and a wealth of information and support. He should be a role model for others, especially U.S. Congressmen from Region V. He will be missed"

"[A] nice thing to say about Steve? Well...um...err.....he's really tall which in some cultures makes him a desirable mate!! But really; thanks for all the guidance, patience and support over the years. Best wishes from the Cheeseheads!"

"Steve somehow remains calm despite the swirling chaos of politics, budgets and ever-changing reporting requirements. He has big shoes to fill...but he has big feet to fill them."

"Steve has been the glue that allowed the diesel grants to stay on track and helped make our Region and Projects stand out among all other Regions."

"We owe a great deal to Steve for his patience and guidance as we started air quality and diesel emission reduction work in Minnesota. He was patient with our eager, earnest, but sometimes overly complicated early ideas. In his calm, reassuring Ward Cleaver manner (that's the Beaver's dad for you youngsters), he counseled us toward more realistic and achievable directions. We will surely still harass him with questions."

"Squadoosh!"

"Steve is one of a handful of folks at EPA who started and developed the program. His leadership and expertise will be missed."

We wish Steve the very best in his new position!

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