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Upcoming Events

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

July 8-10: EPA, in conjunction with the New York and New Jersey Department of Transportation, New York City Department of Transportation, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation are hosting the Faster Freight, Cleaner Air - East Coast conference on goods movement and air quality. The convention will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. The three-day conference will feature general sessions, breakout sessions (covering marine, rail, on-road/trucking, and off-road), an exciting expo hall, and off-site tours of the New York/New Jersey harbor. To register, visit www.ffcaeastcoast.com/info.html

July 14-15: The Midwest Association of Rail Shippers will hold their 231st biannual meeting at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI on July 14th and 15th. To register for the meeting, contact Bill Schauer at (630) 513-6700, or register online at www.railshippers.com/regional/midwest/registration.asp

July 17th: The Wisconsin Clean Diesel Coalition will hold their next meeting on Thursday, July 17th, at the Tommy Thompson Building, 201 W. Washington St., Madison, WI. The meeting will take place in the 1st floor conference room. The coalition will discuss grant outreach strategies and fleet education opportunities. For more information, contact Jessica Lawent, WDNR, at (414) 263-8653, or by email at Jessica.Lawent@wisconsin.gov

New Web Resources For Truckers, States, and Locals Now Online

Three new web pages which provide timely funding and clean diesel information have recently been launched by EPA.

National Clean Diesel Campaign Truckers' Financing Resources Web Page: EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign now has a web page for truck owners and operators which serves as a one-stop-shop for information about loans and grants for eligible clean diesel projects under the National Clean Diesel Campaign. The page will be updated as new grant and loan information becomes available, and there will soon be a form for you to fill out which will sign you up for an announcement-only listserv. This means that you will be sent an email as soon as EPA announces new grant and loan opportunities. It's a great way to be connected to the National Clean Diesel Campaign.

The truckers' financing resources web page can be viewed at: www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/truckers.htm

National Clean Diesel Campaign State and Local Toolkit: The National Clean Diesel Campaign has created the State and Local Toolkit web page to serve as a resource for state, regional, and local governments who are interested in implementing clean diesel programs in their area. The Toolkit provides

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the reader with a broad array of tools, resources, and examples for designing, funding, and evaluating programs that reduce diesel engine emissions. Instead of starting your clean diesel project from scratch, build on the expertise and successes of others around the country by visiting the National Clean Diesel Campaign's State and Local Toolkit at www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/slt/basicinfo.htm

The SmartWay Finance Center: EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership is the most effective voluntary fuel and emissions reduction program for the freight industry in the United States. A big factor to consider when trying to reduce your fuel consumption and your emissions footprint is just how to afford to purchase new technologies or vehicles. The SmartWay Transport Partnership has created the SmartWay Finance Center web page to assist the trucking industry with the purchase of these technologies and/or vehicles. The web site brings interested buyers and lenders together in one place. The interested truck or equipment buyer submits an electronic application for an approved vehicle or technology, and interested lenders submit loan or lease offers to the applicant. The applicant can then decide which is the best lease or loan for them, and they can then work with the lender to discuss the specific terms and conditions of each loan or lease.

The loans and leases are specifically for purchase of EPA or SmartWay certified vehicles and/or approved technologies. This condition is in place because certified and/or approved technologies and vehicles have been evaluated by EPA and are known to provide fuel savings and emissions reductions.

The application process is simple to complete, and the bulk of the application can be completed in about five minutes. The lenders participating on the SmartWay Finance Center site are private lenders, so the loans or leases are not from EPA. EPA is providing the Finance Center web page as a service to the trucking industry, in order to make it simpler and more effective to acquire the technology or vehicle that they need.

You can visit the SmartWay Finance Center web page at <http://smartwayfinancecenter.com>

Wisconsin Department of Commerce Announces '07 Results and '08 Application Schedule

On April 25, 2008, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle announced that the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Diesel Truck Idling Reduction Grant Program had awarded 139 diesel truck idling grants, totaling \$2 million, throughout the 2007 fiscal year. The recipients of these grants will use the funding to purchase idle reduction devices such as APU's and bunk heaters. The grants provide trucking companies with reimbursement of up to 50% for the costs of idling reduction equipment and installation.

On July 1, Wisconsin Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications for FY08 grants. Common, contract, and private motor carriers can apply. The Department has \$2 million in funds available for this year. Eligibility requirements and additional information are available at www.commerce.wi.gov/dieselgrantprogram

Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Fund Update

During the spring 2008 grant cycle, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency awarded eight grants to school districts across Ohio totaling \$278,418.20. The grants will go toward the installation of pollution control technology on 109 buses, and will achieve an estimated annual emission reduction of 193.8 pounds of particulates, 1,771.4 pounds of carbon monoxide, and 862.6 pounds of hydrocarbons. The following school districts were awarded Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus grants: Granville Exempted Village Schools, Minerva Local Schools and Alliance City Schools, Bay Village City Schools, Cleveland Municipal Schools, Beavercreek City Schools, Sycamore Community Schools, Perry Local Schools, and Crestwood Local Schools.

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Since the Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Fund began in 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded \$1.6 million for the installation of pollution control equipment on 652 school buses across the state. The breakdown of installed equipment is as follows:

- 513 diesel oxidation catalysts
- 113 diesel particulate filters
- 92 closed crankcase filtration systems
- 14 catalyzed continuously regenerating technologies

More than nine and a half tons of pollution have been eliminated through these actions, including:

- 1,096 pounds of particulates
- 11,818 pounds of carbon monoxide
- 6,389 pounds of hydrocarbons

The next application deadlines for Clean Diesel School Bus Fund grants are September 2, 2008, and March 2, 2009. Priority will be given to school districts with anti-idling policies in place, and school districts in PM 2.5 nonattainment areas.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA at:

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MCDI Grant Competition Update

EPA Region 5 received approximately \$5 million in FY08 to fund MCDI competition projects. The MCDI grant competition Request for Proposals closed on June 12, 2008. The Air and Radiation Division (ARD) received 38 proposals, from entities in all Region 5 states, requesting federal assistance totaling \$18,851,791 (the project totals for the 38 proposals is \$33,913,766). ARD intends to notify prospective grantees during the first week in August, and make all grant awards by the end of the calendar year (October-December 2008). For quality projects that EPA is unable to fund, work will be done with the individual state clean diesel coalitions to identify alternative funding sources.

Reminder: 2008 Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Group Awards Applications Due August 1

The Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Awards raise awareness and recognize individuals or organizations that have made significant, measurable improvements in air quality through the development and/or implementation of clean diesel actions. Both public and private entities are eligible to win. Individuals or organizations can self-nominate or have others nominate them. Applicants need to fill out an application form, which can be downloaded at the MCDI web site. The applications should be faxed or emailed to Anthony Maietta by August 1 for consideration. The co-chairs of the Leadership Group (Cummins, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest, and EPA Region 5) will review and select the awardees. The awards will be presented at the MCDI Leadership Group annual meeting later this year.

Visit www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/leadershipgroup/lgawards.html for more information and to download an application.

Email your completed application to Anthony Maietta at maietta.anthony@epa.gov, or fax it to (312) 886-5824 (put "ATTN: Anthony Maietta" on the coversheet)

MCDI Spotlight:

Project Green Fleet Wins EPA Clean Air Excellence Award for Community Action

Minnesota Environmental Initiative's (MEI) Project Green Fleet was awarded EPA's 2007 Clean Air Excellence Award for Community Action. The Clean Air Excellence Awards are sponsored by EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. The awards program, now in its eighth year, annually recognizes and honors both individuals and organizations that have undertaken the risks of innovation, served as pioneers in their fields, and have improved air quality. Each award recipient has either directly or indirectly reduced emissions of criteria pollutants or hazardous/toxic air pollutants. The winners' programs are innovative, replicable, and sustainable. The Clean Air Excellence Awards are divided into five categories: Clean Air Technology, Community Action, Education/Outreach, Regulatory/Policy Innovations, and the Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award.

MEI's Project Green Fleet was one of two winners in the Community Action category. Project Green Fleet is a voluntary collaborative effort of MEI, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, businesses, state government agencies, and nonprofits. The project reduces emissions and children's exposure to exhaust through idle reduction and installation of EPA-verified pollution control equipment on school buses. Project Green Fleet has exceeded a two-year goal to retrofit 500 school buses with pollution control equipment in the State of Minnesota by 2008. Recognizing the importance of this work, the state legislature appropriated \$2.4 million to support retrofitting school buses statewide. This increased funding will allow Project Green Fleet to develop and implement plans to retrofit all of Minnesota's 4,000 eligible school buses in four years.

The project is unique because Minnesota is in attainment for all pollutants under the Clean Air Act. Even so, it has funded more than \$3.6 million worth of diesel emission reduction projects through a combination of partner and government funding. The foresight of establishing Project Green Fleet has allowed Minnesota to address air quality problems before they become more serious environmental and health threats. To learn more about Project Green Fleet, visit them on the web at www.projectgreenfleet.org



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