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Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative (MCDI) Launches Webpage

The MCDI webpage is now live and can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/>

The webpage will be updated periodically, and is a valuable resource for further information on Region 5's initiative to reduce diesel emissions.

EPA Offers \$2.7M to Reduce Risks of Toxic Exposure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced that funds are available to support community-based partnerships to reduce toxic risks in local communities. This grant covers all sources, and diesel emission reduction projects are eligible. EPA will award about \$2.7 million in cooperative agreements in two levels through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program.

A range of community groups may apply for funding, including county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. For additional information about CARE, projects awarded in 2005, or how to apply for the cooperative agreements, visit EPA's Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0601 or contact Roxanne Smith, 202-564-4355 / smith.roxanne@epa.gov

EPA, Freight Industry Save Fuel and Help the Environment Nominations sought for excellence awards

EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership program, designed to reduce greenhouse gases, air pollution, and fuel consumption, and improve the efficiency of the freight industry, announced its first environmental successes with its industry partners.

Since its inception in February 2004, SmartWay projects have saved 283.6 million gallons of fuel per year. The emissions reductions and fuel savings in the two years that SmartWay has existed translate into the equivalent of emissions from nearly 550,000 cars or about 390,000 homes heated in the United States.

To promote the program's achievements, EPA is currently accepting nominations for the first annual SmartWay excellence awards through June 30, 2006. The awards will recognize companies and organizations that have made significant contributions to protecting the environment through their participation in the partnership. All SmartWay partners are eligible for consideration. Presentation of the awards will occur in late October 2006 at the American Trucking Association annual conference in Dallas, Texas and the National Association of Environmental Managers in Savannah, Ga.

For more information about the SmartWay Transport Partnership, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartway>

or contact Jon Nichols at (312) 353-7942/ nichols.jonathan@epa.gov

Ohio Clean School Bus

The application for Ohio EPA's school bus diesel retrofit grants is now posted on the Web at

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oeef/html/schoolbus.html>

The application deadline for the first round has been extended until March 31. Applications may be submitted on paper or by emailing to: oeef@epa.state.oh.us. Ohio EPA expects to have \$350,000 to award in this grant round. The next application deadlines will be September 1, 2006, and March 1, 2007.

If you encounter difficulties opening the applicable files, Ohio EPA would be happy to email or mail them to you. Please call (614) 644-2873 or email: marie.barnett@epa.state.oh.us to request the file.

MCDI's Upcoming Events

Michigan Clean Fleets Conference: Driving Technologies, Fuels, and Funding for Cleaner Air

March 22, 2006

NextEnergy Center

461 Burroughs

Detroit, MI 48202

Registration is \$25 before **March 10th**, \$35 after March 10th. Space is limited, so register soon!

For more information visit: <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/calendar/index.html#mar06>

Save the Date!

Tools for Cleaning Up Illinois Diesel: Technology, Funding and Collaboration

May 2, 2006

BP Naperville Complex

150 West Warrenville Road

Naperville, IL 60563

Presented by: USEPA, Region 5 Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative, U.S. Department of Energy, IEPA, Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition, Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, and Diesel Technology Forum

More details will be available on the MCDI website soon (www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel)