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NextEnergy Announces Detroit Area Clean Cities Coalition Idle Reduction Incentives Grant

The Detroit Area Clean Cities Coalition, administered by NextEnergy, has received a grant from the State of Michigan, Department of Labor & Economic Growth's Energy Office in the amount of \$45,000. The grant is to be awarded to area fleets for the purchase of on-board idle reduction technologies. The goal of this program is to increase the usage and awareness of idle reduction technologies in Michigan. Idle reduction technologies help to reduce fuel use and harmful emissions while maintaining occupant comfort. Fleets with centralized operations in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties that operate vehicles primarily in Michigan are eligible to apply for these funds.

Applications are due by no later than May 26, 2006. More information can be found by visiting: <http://www.nextenergy.org/cm/attach/0EFEE1FA-4EDC-4399-91C3-64B42ABABB0E/Application%20Form%20for%20Fleets%20IDLE.pdf>

New Model Serves as Resource for States to Cut Truck Fuel Use

To help facilitate more consistent, effective state truck idling laws, EPA has developed a model that states can consider adopting to help strengthen idling reduction efforts, reduce fuel consumption and improve industry compliance. Reducing idling conserves energy, helps the environment and saves industry money. Each year, truck idling consumes over one billion gallons of diesel fuel, resulting in the emission of 11 million tons of carbon dioxide, over 180,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, as well as emission of fine particulate matter and other air toxics. The model is based on input from workshops EPA held across the country last year with the trucking industry, states, and environmental and health groups.

Information on the model: <http://www.epa.gov/smartway/idle-state.htm>

Latest Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Event a Success

On May 2, 2006, U.S. EPA Region 5's Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative in conjunction with the Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition, Office of Illinois Lieutenant Governor, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Diesel Technology Forum, and the U.S. Department of Energy, presented Tools for Cleaning up Illinois Diesel: Technology, Funding, and Collaboration. The one-day conference held at the BP Campus in Naperville, IL on May 2, 2006 was MCDI's eighth such event, and was attended by over 150 participants. At the event strategies, technologies and funding opportunities were discussed to assist fleets in reducing diesel emissions. In addition, participants were able to talk to several technology vendors and see a number of diesel-powered engines equipped with emission control technologies, idle reduction

technologies, or alternative fuels. Media representatives from the Naperville Sun newspaper and the Motor Age trade publication covered the event. Presentations have been posted on the MCDI website: www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel.

1. Naperville Sun: <http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/sunpub/naper/business/n03clean.htm>
2. Motor Age: <http://www.motorage.com/motorage/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=323957>

MCDI Clean Diesel and Clean School Bus Request for Proposals (RFP) Reminder

MCDI's Clean Diesel, and Clean School Bus RFPs have an established deadline of June 16th. All proposals are due by this date in order to be considered eligible for funding. More information on the RFPs can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/grants/rfp.htm>

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