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MCDI Salutes Jennifer Dunn of US EPA Region 5

EPA Region 5 and the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative would like to recognize all the hard work and effort that Jennifer Dunn has brought to the team over the past two years. Jennifer has accepted a job in the private sector, and will no longer be working on the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative. We're all going to miss her, and wish her the very best!

MCDI Leadership Group Meeting Next Steps

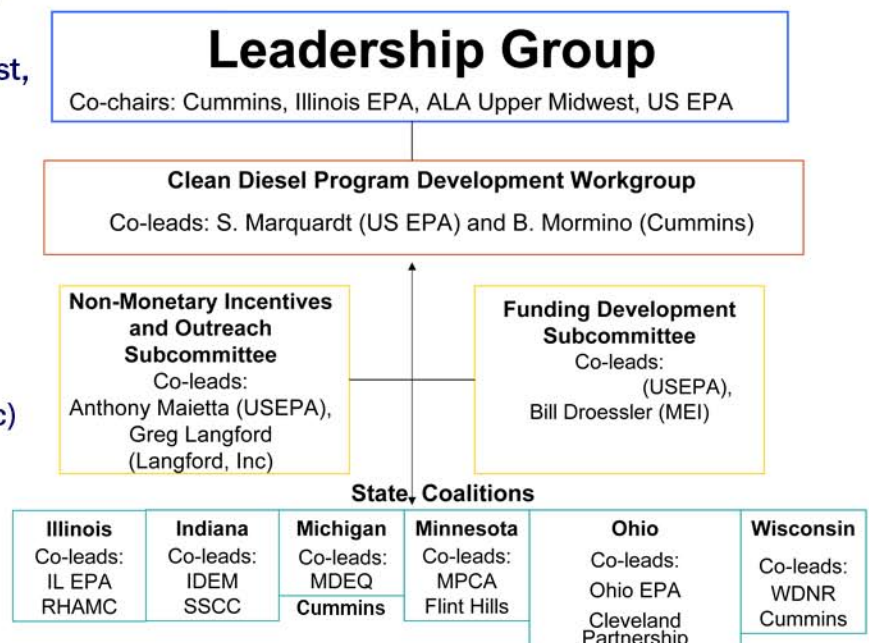
On October 11, the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative Leadership Group met in Chicago, Illinois. Leadership group members discussed past accomplishments and laid out a path to move forward for the next year

Highlights of the meeting included the presentation of the 2007 Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Awards (see the MCDI Spotlight at the end of this e-Update for information about this year's winners) and a discussion on restructuring LG workgroups to a more task-oriented form.

The new structure for the MCDI Leadership Group is designed to meet the diverse and evolving needs of the six state coalitions that operate under the umbrella of the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative.

As before, at the helm of the Leadership Group are the Co-Chairs (Cummins, Illinois EPA, the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest, and US EPA). The Co-Chairs provide guidance and direction to the Clean Diesel Program Development Workgroup (led by US EPA and Cummins), which acts as a liaison to the six State Coalitions and an aggregator of work products from two subcommittees.

The Non-Monetary Incentives and Outreach Subcommittee (led by US EPA and Langford, Inc) can provide case studies and other outreach documents to enhance a state coalition's outreach or highlight a project they've completed. The Funding Development Subcommittee (led by US EPA and MEI) explores new methods of funding while augmenting state coalitions' efforts to fund projects.



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MCDI, through the Program Development Workgroup and subcommittees, provides support to the coalitions by providing technical information, outreach documents and information, networking opportunities, and more. The state coalitions are integral to meeting the ambitious goal of the Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel/leadershipgroup/index.html>

EPA Hosting Diesel Retrofit Technology Verification Workshop on December 13, 2007

EPA is hosting a Diesel Retrofit Technology Verification Workshop at the Latham Hotel (Georgetown) on December 13, 2007. The goal of the workshop is to provide engine, retrofit technology, and fuel manufacturers with a better understanding of EPA's clean diesel retrofit technology verification process. The workshop will also touch on similar verification processes in California and Texas. Admission to the workshop is free.

Location:

The Latham Hotel in Georgetown
3000 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

For further information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/wkshp-agendum-20071213.htm>
To RSVP, contact Cheryl Jackson at jackson.cheryl@epa.gov

See the complete list of verified diesel retrofit technologies at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/verif-list.htm>

New Jersey Introduces Statewide Diesel Regulations Suite, Retrofit Program, and Web Site

On September 7, 2005, the State of New Jersey enacted the Diesel Risk Reduction Law, which contains provisions to drastically reduce diesel emissions from school buses, garbage trucks, transit buses, and other public and private diesel vehicles across the state. In August of this year, the regulations began to take effect, with a goal of retrofitting all New Jersey school buses by August, 2009. The ambitious program, which reallocates a portion of revenue from the state's Corporate Business Tax to completely fund all retrofits, is a powerful step toward cleaning up New Jersey's diesels and reducing citizens' exposure to harmful diesel exhaust. Anti-idling provisions are also contained in the regulations, creating a 3-minute limit on idling.

To accompany the regulations, the State has created a web site (StopTheSoot.org) to educate the public about the retrofit program and anti-idling regulations.

For more information on the Stop The Soot initiative, visit <http://stopthesoot.org>
To view New Jersey's Diesel Risk Reduction Law, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqm>

Massachusetts To Retrofit All School And Transit Buses In The State By 2010

Last year, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced the dedication of \$22.5 million to retrofit all diesel powered regional transit and public school buses in the state by September 30, 2010. This year, the first installment of funds totalling \$7.5 million has been committed, and progress on bus retrofits is underway. This ambitious retrofit initiative is the result of an agreement between the state's Executive Office of Transportation and Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, the agreement provides for funds to retrofit locomotives on the 'T' commuter rail line as well as the continued implementation of a clean construction provision that makes sure that all construction equipment over 50 horsepower which work on state construction projects has been retrofitted with clean diesel technology.

To learn more about Massachusetts' program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/community/schbusir.htm>

Indiana Clean Air Events: December 2007

South Shore Clean Cities, Inc., in conjunction with the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council, are holding a forum entitled "Climate Change and the Region - Setting Our Resolve" at Purdue University (North Central campus) on Friday, December 7. Among the speakers for this event will be US Congressman Joe Donnelly, Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas, and Mark Maassel, President of NIPSCO.

The forum's purpose is to educate Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council members about local and regional efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, as well as to hopefully bring about real actions that council members can take in their personal and work lives. An alternatively-fueled bus will be provided by South Shore Clean Cities to pick up participants along a predefined route, with the goal of reducing the greenhouse gases produced by participants getting to and from the forum.

Attendance for Quality of Life council members is free, and there is a \$15 requested contribution for non-members.

To reserve a seat, contact Meg Haller at mhaller@nwiqlc.org or call (219) 531-4200 x4206 by December 1. To learn more about the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council, visit them on the web at: <http://www.nwiqlc.org>

Diesel Technology Forum Hosting Free Webinar on Diesel Retrofit Projects: Lessons Learned

On December 5, 2007, the Diesel Technology Forum continues its series of free webinars on clean diesel with "Diesel Retrofit Projects: Lessons Learned". Many people know that diesel retrofit technology can significantly reduce emissions and that funding sources are available to help pay project costs. But who has carried one of these projects to completion? The December 5, webinar will feature presenters from Cummins, DeKalb County School Systems, Oregon DEQ, and NESCAUM who have been involved with successful diesel retrofit projects. They will pass on the lessons they've learned and their experiences with diesel retrofit projects.

You can register for this free webinar at: <http://www.dieselforum.org/resources/webinars>

You will need an internet connection to participate in the webinar.

MCDI Spotlight:

2007 Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Award Winners

This month's MCDI Spotlight shines upon the winners of the 2007 Midwest Clean Diesel Leadership Awards. The MCDI 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 (i.e. retrofits, replacements, fuels, education, leveraged funding, etc.). The MCDI Co-Chairs reviewed and selected this year's winners:

South Shore Clean Cities, Inc. was recognized for demonstrating leadership by creating and implementing clean diesel programs in Northwest Indiana and beyond. SSCC is a nonprofit organization that has forged many partnerships in the area. It has organized and contributed to more than 30 outreach events, retrofitted 35 school buses and seven other locally-owned vehicles, and created a web site and an anti-idling print, radio, and web campaign that reached thousands of Indiana residents.

Marten Transport, Ltd. is a trucking company with a fleet of about 2,200 vehicles. The company's goal is to retrofit its entire fleet with auxiliary power units in order to reduce whole-engine idling in an 18 month time period starting in June 2007. The project will save more than 4 million gallons of fuel a year and will cut air pollution. So far, more than 800 vehicles have been retrofitted.

Hamilton County, Ohio, Department of Environmental Services serves as a model for what local communities can do to affect voluntary emission reductions and clean the air in their communities. The department started the Southwest Ohio Clean Diesel Campaign in 2003, which continues today. It has partnered with public and private sector organizations, and since 2004 the department has retrofitted 265 buses and is on its way to meeting its goal of retrofiting 800 school buses.



South Shore Clean Cities' Carl Lisek
with the MCDI Leadership Group Co-Chairs



Hamilton County's Sarah Dowers
with the MCDI Leadership Group Co-Chairs



Marten Transport's Ed Accola
with the MCDI Leadership Group Co-Chairs



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