Minnesota Clean Diesel Coalition
2009 Update

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Project Green Fleet

- Voluntary, partnership-based
- Managed by Clean Air Minnesota (CAM), a program of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI). CAM is co-chaired by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.
- Public, private and non-profit participants:
  - State Agencies
  - Tribes
  - Local Units of Government
  - Non-profits
  - Private Companies

2009 Accomplishments – School Bus Retrofits

- Mix of public and private funds for school bus retrofits
- Goal of retrofitting all 4000 eligible school buses
  - ~1255 done by the end of 2008
  - More than 2000 buses by the end of 2009
- More than 60 school districts/fleets involved to date: HeadStart programs as well
- Quantifying emission and exposure reductions
2009 Accomplishments – School bus retrofits

2009 Accomplishments – Project Green Fleet

- MN Coalition and State Diesel Emission Reduction Strategy established
- Outreach – MEI/COC Road Shows
- Closed out 2 EPA grants, one more to follow
- MN Governor’s Award
- State $1.2M grant received

Plans for 2010

- PGF/MEI $3M DERA/ARRA grant, whoa
- It’s an honor
- Outreach plans
- Associations
- Key decision-makers
- Talking diesel in every household
Plans for 2010

- A strategy for MN
- Nearly 700 engines
- 45 new partners from the trucking and construction sectors
- A railroad, 3 tribes, 8 units of government, and numerous school districts and bus companies

2010 Funding Sources

- EPA
  - MCDI, EPA Region 5
  - No additional state funds for diesel in 2010
  - CMAQ funds – potential for more
  - Private fundraising
  - SEP’s and consent agreements

2009 Accomplishments – MPCA

- MPCA continued implementation of CMAQ project to retrofit public on-road vehicles in the Twin Cities
- Original goal of 200 vehicles has been expanded to 400+
- 9 public entities involved
- Work will be completed by fall of 2010 (or sooner)
2009 Accomplishments – MPCA

- Awarded additional $1.2M of state funds for school bus retrofits
- MPCA’s Small Business Assistance loan program for Auxiliary Power Units/bunk heaters
- Increased use of diesel emission reduction practices in MPCA contract language (closed landfill and LUST program)
- DERA ARRA funds
  - RFP for $1.57M closed in late June
  - ~125 applicants
  - ~61 awards
  - MPCA is currently in the process of executing grant agreements

Plans for 2010

- Implementation and reporting on the 61 DERA ARRA grants
- Continued outreach to new sectors (rail)
- Continuing to expand EnviroFlash for AQ alerts

Common Issues Across the Region

- Connecting with the EPA
- SmartWay Transport Partnership
- Maintaining Minnesota’s attainment status of NAAQS
- Reduction in PM for the state
- Reduce health risks for children and others
Create Actions that Stir the Imagination

- Minnesota Department Health - EPA STAR grant
- Neighborhood scale involvement – Phillips neighborhood
- Targeting unique projects
  - Central Corridor
  - Light Rail

Coalition Question/Issues

- Sharing strategies, techniques, insights in partnership building and business recruitment
- Opportunities for collaboration across political boundaries for capital intensive projects?
- Youtube?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38ueJViSgvA&feature=related