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Ohio Collaborative

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MCDI Leadership Group Meeting

Overview

- ▶ 2009 Accomplishments
 - ▶ Plans for 2010
 - ▶ Ohio Diesel Coalition
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What happened in 2009?

▶ DERG

- Second Round
 - Improvements in application.
 - Faster review.
- Obstacles
 - \$5 million to public transportation (only received 1 application).
 - FHWA requirements – time consuming, unfamiliar process.
 - Learning curve very steep!
 - Every project has a story (SORTA).
 - Third Round – Governor's veto.



What happened in 2009?



▶ ARRA:

- National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance:
 - Ohio applied on behalf of private and public organizations.
 - Nearly 400 applications were received.
 - Application was submitted on behalf of 12 projects (on/off road private/public.)
 - Ohio was awarded with approximately \$4.9 million.
 - ODOD will administer the funds – Ohio EPA technical collaboration.

What happened in 2009?

▶ ARRA:

◦ State Clean Diesel Program:



- \$1.73 million to Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grants program.
- Ohio EPA awarded ~ \$754,000 of the stimulus funds on March 2009 application.
- September 2009 application: received 32 applications – 713 retrofits for \$2.5 million.
- Ohio EPA expects to spend all ARRA funds on 9/2009 applications.
- ~\$900,000 available annually from other state and federal sources.
- Since 2006, Ohio EPA has awarded \$3.2 million to 49 school districts to install pollution control equipment on 1,105 school buses statewide.
- County Boards of Developmental Disabilities are eligible to apply for grants from the Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Retrofit Fund.

What happened in 2009?

- ▶ Cleveland citywide no-idling ordinance Ord. No. 207-09: (Effective 10/1/2009)
 - Reduce emissions while conserving fuel, maintaining adequate rest and safety of all drivers, and removing barriers to economic development imposed by the region's air quality status under the federal Clean Air Act.
 - No idle more than 5 minutes in any 60-minute period (vehicles).
 - No idle more than 10 minutes in any 60-minute period (loading/unloading).
 - Penalty: Violation of section – guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
- ▶ Partners:
 - OEC
 - City Council.
 - Northeast Ohio City Council Association.
 - The Earthday Coalition.
 - Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign.
 - NOACA
- ▶ Website: <http://cleanairzone.org/>

Plans for 2010

- ▶ Objective 1: Implementation of award from EPA funds and generation of non-EPA funding sources
 - MCDI Grants
 - OEC
 - CFO
 - Ohio EPA School Bus Fund

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 - Ohio Green Fleets a CFO initiative:
 - First 25 certifications from 76 applications from over 300 engaged fleets.
 - DOE Clean Cities funding of CFO's Ohio Advanced Transportation Partnership:
 - \$11M
 - 26 govt., schools and private sector partners
 - Refueling infrastructure
 - 283 designated alternative fuel vehicles

Plans for 2010

- ▶ Objective 2: Address SIP related issues more aggressively.
 - Work on the development of a common database identifying number of vehicles and type of pollution control technology used.
 - Better understanding of geographical distribution of funds.
 - More accurate “Weight of Evidence” for SIP development.

Plans for 2010

- ▶ Objective 3: Create actions to reignite Ohio Diesel Coalition's role.
 - What is the scope and role of the ODC?
 - How much engagement the ODC willing to take?
 - Is the ODC only interested in pursuing funding opportunities?
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▶ DERG

- Ohio Legislature more aware of diesel issue.
- Governor's office.
- Ohio Department of Transportation.
- Sustainable funding source.



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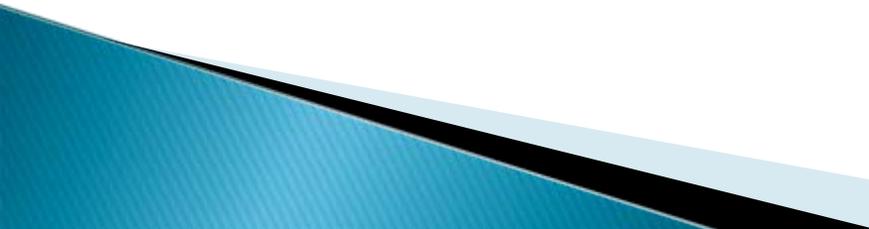
▶ Beyond DERG

- Can the coalition agree on and advance other clean diesel strategies?
 - Education/outreach to general public.
 - Black carbon and climate change.
 - Infrastructure for alternative fuels.
 - Statewide no-idle policy.
 - Low-interest revolving loan program.
 - Green contract language.

Future Ohio Diesel Coalition Actions

- ▶ Strategy meeting with coalition members:
 - Discuss clean diesel strategies and opportunities.
 - Identify 2–3 strategies for Ohio.
 - Resources, timeline, implementation.
 - Establish quarterly meeting schedule.

Coalition Question/Issues

- ▶ What is your coalition made up?
 - ▶ How to keep momentum going when funds are not available?
 - ▶ What obstacles have you faced and how you over came those?
 - ▶ How did you develop coalition goals?
 - ▶ Do you have examples of projects/actions development?
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Thanks!

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