

National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program

These are exciting times for the Diesel Program! As you likely already know, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes \$300M for diesel emissions reduction projects. The competitive RFA for this program is targeted for release on March 4th.

EPA Regions 9 and 10 want to provide interested WCC partners with an updated overview of this funding competition as well as an opportunity for Q&A before the Request for Applications (RFA) opens for competition.

Once the competition is open, all questions will have to be submitted in writing -- and answers will be posted via one central (national) FAQ document.

OVERVIEW

EPA National Clean Diesel Campaign Funding Available

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed into law on February 17, 2009, includes \$300 million in grant funding opportunities to support clean diesel activities. This funding will be offered this year in addition to EPA's fiscal year 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriations, which will be available later this year. Therefore, this year there will be two competitive funding announcements to apply for grant funds for clean activities issued by the EPA. These opportunities include:

1. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding for National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program which is expected to be issued in early March, applications will be due early to mid-April
2. FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation funds issued later this year

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding for National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program

The competitive announcement Request for Proposals and Applications for the ARRA Funding for National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program will be available in early March 2009. Please note that ARRA Funding for National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program will have an expedited competition schedule and that applicants must comply with ARRA provisions. EPA expects a 40-day application period for all competitive announcements to be submitted to EPA. Prospective grant applicants should begin preparations now for the upcoming competitions by completing the following steps prior to the competition announcements:

- Assess diesel fleets and identify eligible vehicles.
 - Establish eligible partnerships.
 - Prepare fleet and proposal descriptions.
 - Evaluate public health benefits, costs effectiveness, and emission reductions of the proposed project.
- See the [Diesel Emission Quantifier](#) on EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign web site listed below.

You may also find it useful to review the [archived funding materials](#) from fiscal year 2008's National Clean Diesel announcement which is posted on EPA's Clean Diesel web site. Many of the programmatic priorities, eligible entities and projects, and application instructions will be very similar as the 2008 Requests for Proposals. However, be aware that the ARRA funding Requests for Applications will contain new priorities, funding criteria and restrictions, and application requirements specific to the ARRA authority. In addition to the proposal work plan and budget narrative detail, the application must contain the following forms: Standard Form 424, Standard Form 424A, Standard Form 424B, Standard Form LLL, EPA Form 4700-4, and EPA Form 5700-54, which are posted on the National Clean Diesel Campaign web site.

Applying to the available ARRA funding will be managed by EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign Program, however all submitted applications that include projects located within EPA's Region 9 and 10 offices will be reviewed by EPA Regional staff. Visit the Clean Diesel Campaign grants and funding web site to download required forms, view regular updates and the competition schedule, and sign up for e-mail updates: <http://epa.gov/otaq/diesel/grantfund.htm> .

FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation

Funding for the National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program is authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005) and is the regular yearly funding. Note that these available funds are separate from the ARRA funding described above and should be available later this year. The National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program authorization enables EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign to offer grant awards to eligible organizations and entities on a competitive basis. This funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health. This program provides funding through its two components:

1. National Clean Diesel Program (70% of total funding available)

- **West Coast Collaborative National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program** contains the majority of the funding dedicated to deployment of EPA-verified and certified technologies. This component will be administered by the West Coast Collaborative for partners located in EPA's Region 9 and 10 offices.

- **National Clean Diesel Emerging Technologies Program** fosters the deployment of innovative technologies through a national grant competition. To qualify as an emerging technology, a manufacturer must have an EPA approved application and test plan for verification.

- **SmartWay Clean Diesel Finance Program** allows EPA to issue competitive grants to establish national low-cost revolving loans or other financing programs that will provide funding to fleets to reduce diesel emissions.

2. State Clean Diesel Grant Program (30% of funding) makes funds directly available to States interested in establishing new diesel emission reduction programs.

Visit EPA's West Coast Collaborative to sign up for regular email updates for all clean diesel funding opportunities: <http://westcoastcollaborative.org> .

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