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Air District offers \$19 million to Reduce Diesel Engine Pollution

Effort focuses on non-port trucks, ships, locomotives, agricultural equipment & shore power

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is seeking proposals for the Carl Moyer Program, a state-funded grant program managed regionally by the Air District, to reduce ozone-forming and toxic air emissions from aging heavy-duty diesel equipment.

Owners of trucks serving the Port of Oakland are not eligible for funding. The California Air Resources Board already requires truck owners operating in and out of ports and intermodal rail yards to comply with the Drayage Truck Rule, which mandated the retrofit and replacement of certain trucks serving the port.

"Older heavy-duty engines are a major source of toxic emissions in the Bay Area," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "The District's grant program helps diesel fleet owners reduce pollution in our air by cleaning up dirty engines that would otherwise produce harmful emissions for years to come."

This funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to owners of non-port trucks, ships, locomotives, agricultural and off-road equipment, and for shore power projects. Funding is available to:

- install verified emission control devices
- replace older engines with newer and cleaner engines
- replace older equipment with newer and cleaner equipment
- purchase new diesel equipment that is cleaner than the law requires

The Air District will accept applications for projects throughout its nine-county San Francisco Bay Area jurisdiction, but will prioritize projects that reduce emissions in communities that are significantly impacted by diesel emissions. Highest priority will be given to: Concord, Eastern San Francisco, Redwood City/East Palo Alto, Richmond/San Pablo, San Jose and Western Alameda County.

The Air District will host a workshop on May 11, 2010, to explain the Carl Moyer Program guidelines, to describe the application process and answer questions about the grant requirements. Attendance is not required in order for an applicant to participate in the program. The time and location are:

Tuesday, May 11 • 10 - 11:30 am
Bay Area Air District
939 Ellis Street, 7th floor Board Room • San Francisco

For more information about the workshop and grant program, see the Air District website at www.baaqmd.gov/moyer, or contact Stacy Shull, at 415-749-4955 sshull@baaqmd.gov.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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