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Air District offers \$14 million to Reduce Diesel Engine Pollution

Effort focuses on off-road equipment, marine vessels, trucks & locomotives

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

The Carl Moyer Program, managed regionally by the Air District, provides funding for cleaner engines, reducing diesel pollution.

"Older, heavy-duty engines are a major source of toxic diesel pollution in the Bay Area," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "The Air District's grant program helps diesel fleet owners reduce air pollution 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 heavy and medium duty diesel trucks, marine vessels, 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.

Air District grant staff members are available to answer questions on the application process and grant requirements. For more information about the grant program or to start an application, see the Air District website at www.baaqmd.gov/moyer.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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