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## **Air District launches \$20 million call for projects to reduce air pollution from commercial freight movement**

*Accelerated Replacement of older highly-polluting diesel equipment for cleaner technologies*

**SAN FRANCISCO** - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced the availability of over \$20 million dollars to fund replacement of older diesel equipment as well as new fueling infrastructure projects related to the commercial movement of goods.

Since heavy-duty diesel engines can last for many decades, the program is intended to quickly reduce diesel air pollution emissions and health risks from freight movement along trade corridors in the Bay Area. Funding comes from the State of California Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program funds which the Air District administers locally.

"Reducing toxic emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines is one of the most important air quality challenges today," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "Diesel-fueled trucks are a major source of toxic pollution in the Bay Area, accounting for approximately 70 percent of the overall cancer risk from air pollution."

Eligible equipment includes:

- Heavy-duty diesel-fueled trucks
- Freight locomotives
- Cargo-handling equipment such as forklifts, yard trucks and rubber-tired gantry cranes
- Transportation refrigeration units, insulated cold-storage trailers at grocery retail stores
- Berth electrification and emissions capture & control equipment at ports

The Program also funds a variety of hydrogen fueling, battery-charging and electric plug-in project options to assist owners of freight movement equipment to incorporate zero- or near-zero-emissions equipment into their fleets.

Since 2008, the Air District's Goods Movement Program has awarded more than \$61 million dollars for over 2,800 heavy-duty truck projects, and an additional \$17.8 million dollars for marine berth electrification projects, reducing more than 8,597 tons of particulate matter and oxides of nitrogen emissions.

Applications are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> for most project categories, and are available on the Air District's website at: [www.baaqmd.gov/goods](http://www.baaqmd.gov/goods).

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

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