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New program replaces, retrofits diesel engines *Incentive program benefits goods transporters*

FRESNO – Applications are now available for funds to replace or retrofit Class 8 diesel trucks and engines used for goods movement. The deadline for applications is 1 p.m. on Sept. 5, 2008.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has \$40.5 million from California Proposition 1B for the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program.

“With 95 million miles traveled each day through the Valley, mainly along the Highway 99 and Interstate 5 corridors, these funds will serve a much-needed purpose in helping clean up diesel exhaust emissions,” said Seyed Sadredin, the Air District’s executive director and air pollution control officer.

There are several categories of funding available:

- * \$50,000 to replace a 2003 or older truck with a new truck that meets 2007 emissions standards (tiered truck replacements and retrofits are also available);
- * \$20,000 to repower a 2003 or older engine with a new engine that meets 2007 standards; or
- * \$5,000 to retrofit a 2006 or older truck with an ARB-verified level 3 diesel particulate filter.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- * Operate a Class 8 on-road diesel truck greater than 33,000 GVWR, used to transport goods;
- * Have a valid California registration for the last two years (base plate or IRP); and
- * Travel at least 50 percent in the state’s major trade corridors over the last two years (Central Valley, Bay Area, Los Angeles/Inland Empire or San Diego/border).

The Air District is holding application assistance workshops in each region. Dates, times and locations are:

- * Southern region – Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2700 “M” St., ste. 275, Bakersfield;
- * Central region – Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1990 E. Gettysburg, Fresno; and
- * Northern region – Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto.

Despite significant progress in recent years, the Valley continues to face daunting challenges in achieving cleaner air. More than half the Valley’s pollution-forming emissions come from mobile sources such as trucks and cars, over which the Air District has no jurisdiction.

For more information on the incentive program, program applications and program guidelines, please visit the “Grants and Incentives” section at www.valleyair.org or e-mail weberip@valleyair.org, or contact the Emission Reduction Incentive Program at 1-800 SMOG INFO (766-4463).

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and San Joaquin Valley air basin portions of Kern. For information about the Air District, contact the nearest District office in Modesto at (209) 557-6400, Fresno (559) 230-6000 or Bakersfield (661) 326-6900.