

Clean air funding available to truckers

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Truck owners in the San Joaquin Valley can now get their hands on a portion of \$100 million that will upgrade fleets with cleaner technologies that produce fewer emissions.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is one of 6 that will administer the funds made available through the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program of the \$1 billion Proposition 1B passed by California voters in 2006.

The Air District will accept applications from now until April 29 for the funds, good for nitrogen oxide-reducing retrofits, cleaner diesel or alternative fuel engines or replacing trucks.

Heavy-duty Class 7 on-road diesel trucks weighing between 26,001 and 33,000 pounds and heavy-duty Class 8 on-road diesel trucks weighing more than 33,000 pounds are eligible under the program. Any new truck, engine or retrofit device already ordered, purchased or installed will not be considered for funding.

Additional information and applications can be found at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's grant and incentive web page.

Other air districts administering the funds include those in the Bay Area, Sacramento, the South Coast, San Diego, or Imperial County.

In January, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District announced \$62 million in new funding to help diesel owners reduce emissions by replacing or retrofitting their vehicles.

