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## <u>Carl Moyer Diesel Engine Grant Funding is Available</u> <u>Public Workshop on November 6, 2008 from 10am-12pm.</u>

The Carl Moyer Program is administered by the California Air Resources Board in cooperation with local Air Districts. The program creates financial incentives in the form of grants for public agencies, agricultural engine electric conversions, and private companies that operate heavy-duty diesel engines to replace them with cleaner systems. The grants cover a portion of the cost of either purchasing new, replacing existing, or retrofitting existing diesel engines with cleaner on-road, offroad, marine engines, or electric line power.

Diesel engines contribute about 40% of all oxides of nitrogen emissions (NOX) from mobile sources and a significant portion of the particulate. NOX is one of the main contributors to ground-level ozone. A secondary focus of the program is reducing the PM-10 and toxic compounds also contained in diesel exhaust.

The Lake County Air Quality Management District has \$180,000 of funding available. Projects will be evaluated on the basis of cost effectiveness with a portion of match funding required. Heavily used, older engines usually score highest for cost effectiveness. The actual applicant cost varies with the specific application. Types of projects that may qualify include:

Repower Projects: Replace older engines with newer lower emission engines or electric line power.

Retrofit Projects: Install advanced emissions control devices on existing diesel engines.

New Purchases: Purchasing new alternative fueled equipment to replace an existing diesel

engine or purchasing an ultra clean diesel engine for new equipment, when

available, with a 30% better emissions reduction than required.

A public Workshop will be held on Thursday November 6, 2007 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Agricultural Center Conference Room, 885 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport CA 95453 to discuss projects that may qualify for funding.

Applications will be available at the workshop or from the District, 885 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453 or by calling Cheri or Doug at (707) 263-7000, or e-mail: cherik@lcaqmd.net or dougg@lcaqmd.net. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending.

Program information is available online at: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm">http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm</a>