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Air District Issues Call for Projects to Reduce Diesel Engine Pollution

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is seeking proposals for the Carl Moyer Program, a grant program funded by the state to reduce ozone-forming and toxic emissions from aging heavy-duty diesel off-road equipment, on-road vehicles, marine vessels and stationary agricultural engines.

Applications will be available on the Air District website on April 15 and will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis, based upon the date the application is deemed complete. The Air District will host a workshop at its San Francisco office on April 17 at 10:00 am to explain the Carl Moyer Program guidelines, describe the application process, and answer questions about the grant requirements.

“Aging heavy-duty engines are a major source of toxic emissions in the Bay Area,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The Carl Moyer Program helps businesses reduce pollution in our local communities by cleaning up dirty engines that would otherwise produce harmful emissions for years to come.”

Approximately \$20 million is available for eligible projects within the nine-county Bay Area Air District jurisdiction. Funding is provided by state-allocated Carl Moyer Grant funds and locally generated DMV registration funds.

Projects reducing emissions in communities impacted most from diesel engine pollution will be targeted for participation in the Carl Moyer Program and will be given priority for grant fund allocations. The Air District has developed a preliminary emissions inventory of diesel engine pollution and compiled demographic and health-statistics data to help identify the following highly impacted areas: Concord, Richmond/San Pablo, Western Alameda County, San Jose, Redwood City/East Palo Alto and Eastern San Francisco.

For more information about the workshop and grant program, 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 Bay Area.

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