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Air District targets marine and off-road engine pollution

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has approved \$2.3 million in funding for marine engine repower and off-road equipment engine repower and replacement projects.

"Older diesel engines continue to be a significant contributor to air pollution in the Bay Area," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "By funding projects to repower or replace dirty engines, we are making progress toward achieving cleaner air and healthier communities."

These projects will reduce approximately 65 tons of smog-forming pollution and particulate matter pollution per year. Nearly all of these emission reductions will benefit communities impacted most from air pollution. The projects are funded through the Carl Moyer and Mobile Source Incentive Fund programs. This is the 11th year of the Carl Moyer program.

The Air District also committed an additional \$8 million in Mobile Source Incentive Funding for the replacement of off-road equipment in the construction and agricultural industries. This action is in response to the high level of interest seen in the Air District's new off-road equipment replacement program.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.