



WEST COAST COLLABORATIVE

A public-private partnership to reduce diesel emissions

The goal of the Collaborative is to leverage significant federal funds to reduce emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in the most affected communities. The Collaborative seeks to significantly improve air quality and public health by targeting the highest polluting engines with the most cost effective control strategies.

DERA 2008: Diesel Retrofits on Oahu

The West Coast Collaborative (WCC) is pleased to announce the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) Clean Air Branch's (CAB's) completion of its project to retrofit heavy-duty diesel vehicles operating on the Island of Oahu. This project was implemented using \$196,880 in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant funding.

What is the project?

Retrofitted 13 heavy-duty on-highway diesel vehicles with certified diesel particulate filters (DPFs), including: 9 Class 7 (26,001-33,000 lbs) short haul trucks, 2 Class 6 (19,501-26,000 lbs) short haul trucks and 1 Class 8a (33,001-60,000 lbs) refuse hauler.

Why is this project important?

HDOH CAB partnered with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (HBWS) whose fleet operates in close proximity to areas of Oahu with high population density. This project will reduce human health risk from toxic pollutants by reducing human exposure to heavy-duty diesel truck exhaust in the communities where the HBWS fleet operates.

What are the environmental benefits?

Over the remaining lifetime of the 13 affected engines, these upgrades will reduce emissions of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) by 0.7 tons, hydrocarbons (HC) by 1.3 tons and carbon monoxide (CO) by 5.5 tons. Additionally, the reduction of PM_{2.5} emissions will also reduce black carbon (BC), which influences climate by directly absorbing light, reducing the reflectivity of albedo through deposition, and interacting with clouds.

How was this project funded?

The WCC provided \$196,880 in DERA grant funds to enable the implementation of this project on the Island of Oahu in the State of Hawaii.

Who were the partners on this project?

The project was led by HDOH CAB, the governing clean air agency in the State of Hawaii, which received the DERA grant award through the WCC. HDOH CAB then distributed the DERA grant funds to HBWS, which operates the project fleet. HDOH CAB was responsible for data monitoring and reporting for the project with significant administrative support provided by the Rewarding Internships for Sustainable Employment (RISE) program.

What is the West Coast Collaborative?

The WCC is an ambitious partnership between leaders from federal, state, local and tribal governments, the private sector, and environmental groups committed to reducing diesel emissions along the West Coast. Partners come from all over Western North America, including: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Mexico and the Pacific Islands. The Collaborative is part of the U.S. EPA National Clean Diesel Campaign (www.epa.gov/cleandiesel).

How can I find out more information?

For more information about this project, please contact John Mikulin at U.S. EPA (mikulin.john@epa.gov / 415-972-3956). For more information on the WCC, please visit our website at www.westcoastcollaborative.org