



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

DERA 2011: Idaho Clean School Bus Campaign in Idaho

Under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) 2011 State Clean Diesel Grant Program, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) will receive \$88,292 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to install Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOC), Closed Crankcase Ventilation Systems (CCV), and Fuel-Operated Heaters (anti-idling) that will reduce diesel school bus emissions.

What is the Project?

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) will install Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOC), Closed Crankcase Ventilation systems (CCV) and fuel-operated heaters (anti-idling) on 16 heavy-duty diesel school buses to reduce diesel emissions during operation and start up emissions.

Why is this project important?

School bus fleets operate largely in residential areas where children live and school facilities are located. This program will reduce the risk from toxic pollutants by reducing the exposure of school-age children to diesel emissions from school buses. The program area includes areas of high and medium population density, as well as small towns in rural areas.

What are the estimated environmental/economic benefits?

This project will reduce 4.065 tons of particulate matter (PM), 7.8 tons of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), 12.5 tons of hydrocarbons (HC), 66.2 tons of carbon monoxide, 258.5 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions over its operational life. Also, 1,785.6 gallons of diesel fuel will be saved.

What is the Collaborative?

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

How can I find out more about the Collaborative?

For more information, on the West Coast Collaborative, please visit our website at www.westcoastcollaborative.org. For more information about this project or about the Public Fleets Sector, please contact John Mikulin at mikulin.john@epa.gov