To: Transportation Committee, Town Engineers
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Subject: Clean Diesel Funding Opportunity

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the 2015 National Funding Assistance Program to fund projects that reduce emissions from existing diesel engines. $13.5 million of funding is available this year. Eligible uses of funds include:

- Exhaust controls;
- Engine upgrades;
- Cleaner fuels use (such as biodiesel);
- Verified idle reduction technologies (a list of eligible technologies is available from the EPA at the website listed below);
- Verified aerodynamic technologies and verified low rolling resistance tires;
- Certified “engine repowers”;
- Vehicle and equipment replacements.

Eligible engines and vehicles include:

- Buses;
- Class 5 – Class 8 Heavy-duty Highway Vehicles;
- Marine Engines;
- Locomotives; and
- Non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in: 1) Construction; 2) Handling of cargo (including at a port or airport); 3) Agriculture; 4) Mining; or 5) Energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Regional, local, and state agencies, as well as certain nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The minimum funding request under this program is $100,000 and the maximum is $500,000. Proposals must be received via grants.gov by 4:00pm on June 15, 2015. Details and related information can be found on EPA’s Clean Diesel website at: [http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgnational.htm#rfp](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgnational.htm#rfp)

Additionally, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has just learned that it will be receiving another allocation of funds under the State Diesel Emission Reduction Act program. DEEP plans to ask for proposals in August.