



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.

Retrofit, Replace, and Anti-Idling Program for the Alaska DOT and Railroad

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program, the U.S. EPA, through the West Coast Collaborative, awarded the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) \$1,730,000, under the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act in September 2009, to award grants for retrofits and replacements on locomotives, construction equipment, school and public buses, and trucks owned by the Alaska Railroad, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT), and various other small equipment retrofitting projects. This funding will also support anti-idling projects.

What is the Project?

The project would specifically focus on projects with the Alaska Railroad and the DOT. The funds could bring two diesel locomotive engines into Tier 0+ compliance. Funds allocated to the DOT would

be used to replace three aging pieces of equipment in Fairbanks, Alaska that cannot be retrofitted. Remaining funding would be distributed by ADEC to other projects throughout the state.

Why is this project important?

This project is important because it reduces toxic air pollutants, helps create and preserve jobs, and maximizes health benefits while maintaining a cost effective process. This program will allow small businesses and non-governmental organizations to apply for some of this funding, which, in turn, help maintain and preserve existing jobs.

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.

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.