



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.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Reducing School Bus Emissions in San Diego County, California

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding for the National Clean Diesel Grant Program, the U.S. EPA provided the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District with \$1,563,652 in funding to reduce harmful emissions from in-use diesel school buses.

What is the Purpose of this Project?

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 National Clean Diesel Program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funded San Diego County Air Pollution Control District \$1,563,652 to retrofit, replace, and repower 125 high-polluting school buses with newer, cleaner engines and filters. This project will reduce emissions from school buses in San Diego County, thereby protecting the children who ride these buses daily.

Where will this Project be Located?

The project will focus on in-use diesel school buses that operate within the County of San Diego. San Diego County is designated as a nonattainment zone for ozone, and a maintenance area for carbon monoxide. The County's Barrio Logan neighborhood has been identified as an area with toxic air pollutant concerns. In addition, due to its proximity to Mexico, San Diego County contains three major interstate and international goods movement corridors. There are 41 public schools located within 1500 feet of one of these major interstates. Replacing, repowering, and/or retrofitting these buses

will significantly reduce emissions along these interstate and international goods movement corridors.

How does this project relate to the Recovery Act Funding Priorities?

- **Create Jobs** This program will preserve and/or create jobs in the manufacturing sector, which has been heavily impacted by the current economic conditions.
- **Economic Efficiency** Investing in diesel technologies like new cleaner-burning school buses and engines will provide long-term benefits to the transportation system by putting cleaner, more efficient buses on the road to transport children to and from school and school sponsored activities.
- **Environmental Benefits** This program will provide environmental benefits by reducing harmful smog-forming and potentially cancer-causing emissions from in-use diesel school buses.

How do I find out more about ARRA?

For more information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, please visit the Recovery Homepage (www.recovery.gov).

What Is the West Coast Collaborative and How Do I Find Out More?

The West Coast Collaborative is a partnership between leaders from federal, state, and local government, the private sector, and environmental groups committed to reducing diesel emissions along the West Coast. The West Coast Collaborative is part of the National Clean Diesel Campaign: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel

For more information about the West Coast Collaborative, please visit: www.westcoastcollaborative.org.