



# Clean Cities Quarterly Update

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## Transportation News & Policy

**Locomotive & Marine Diesel Engine Rules:** The EPA has proposed tighter emissions standards for locomotive engines remanufactured, and new Tier 3 and Tier 4 emissions standards for diesel engines beginning in 2009 and 2014, respectively.

**OBD Proposed Rule Published:** The EPA is proposing to require OBD systems on all highway heavy duty vehicles to monitor emission control equipment. Comments must be submitted before March 26, 2007.

**Mobile Source Air Toxics Rule:** The EPA issued a final rule designed to lower benzene fuel content and reduce cold weather emissions and evaporative emission rates.

**National Call for Fuel Conservation:** In his 2007 State of the Union address, Pres. Bush called for a 20% reduction in gasoline usage through higher fuel mileage standards and investments in biofuel and hybrid technologies.

**Local Call for Cut in Fuel Consumption:** In his State of the City address, Mayor White called on the state to embrace the California LEV fuel standards, and set a goal of reducing fuel consumption by 5% in five years.

**Low-Carbon Fuel Standards:** Gov. Schwarzenegger has issued a directive establishing a low-carbon transportation fuel standard which would require a 10% carbon intensity reduction in fuels sold in CA by 2020.

## Transportation News & Policy, Continued

**New Particulate Filter:** CARB has conditionally verified the Cleaire Horizon Electric Particulate Filter as a Level 3 diesel emission control for off-road diesel vehicles.

**EU Fuel Standards:** The European Commission has proposed new fuel standards, which would require the use of ultra-low sulfur diesel, increased use of ethanol, and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

## Air Quality News & Policy

**SIP Proposed:** The TCEQ has posted comments received in response to the proposed 8-hour SIP and several associated rule packages.

**TexAQSI Preliminary Results:** The TCEQ has posted the rapid science synthesis report from the 2005-2006 TexAQSI study. TexAQSI is the second phase of a major air quality study in east Texas involving scientists from around the world.

**Houston Air Toxics & Cancer Report:** The Univ. of TX published a new study which links elevated air toxics levels and the incidence of cancer in children.

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report:** The IPCC's most recent assessment concludes that global warming is "unequivocal", and that humans are "very likely" the cause.

**CO Attainment for El Paso:** The EPA approved a direct final rule redesignating the El Paso area as in attainment for CO, and approving a maintenance plan.

## Announcements & Events

**Hydrogen Conference:** The National Hydrogen Association's annual conference will be in San Antonio, TX on March 19-22, 2007.

**University Corridor Meetings:** METRO will be holding public scoping meetings on March 26 & 27, 2007 as part of their Environmental Impact Statement process.

**Alternative Fuels & Vehicles Conference:** The 2007 Alternative Fuels & Vehicles Conference will be on April 1-4, 2007 in Anaheim, CA.

**Biodiesel Fundamentals:** The Energy Management Institute will be teaching a course on the fundamentals of biodiesel in St. Paul, MN on April 11-12, 2007.

**Clean Cities Meeting:** The next Clean Cities stakeholder meeting will be held at H-GAC on April 18, 2007.

**NAFA Conference:** The National Association of Fleet Administrators conference will be in Houston on May 6-7, 2007. The conference will feature a "Green Zone" to address emerging "green" technologies and fuels.

*Check your email-Advancing the Choice Conference information coming soon!*

## Business Opportunities

**Clean Vehicles RFP:** The Clean Vehicles program has issued an RFP for fleet emission reduction projects. Applications will be accepted as long as funds are available.

**2007 Engine Rebate Opportunity:** Kenworth is offering \$2000 rebates for companies trading-in a Kenworth truck if they purchase a qualifying model equipped with 2007-emission compliant engines.

**Hydrogen Research:** The DOE has issued an RFP for projects researching hydrogen production and delivery technology. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2007.

**Rail Transit Research:** The U.S. DOT is calling for projects researching strategies for improving rail transit efficiency and operations. Applications are due March 23, 2007.

**Hydrogen Emissions:** The DOE has issued an RFP for projects researching the ecological and environmental effects of the production and use of hydrogen fuels. The deadline for proposals is April 18, 2007.

**Transit RFP** (32 TX Reg. 473): TxDOT has issued an RFP in support of the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. The deadline for proposals is May 4, 2007.

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