

Clean Cities Technologies Conference

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What is Port Houston?



- Port Houston = Port of Houston Authority
- Port Houston is comprised of 8 operating facilities among the 150+ private and public facilities that line the Houston Ship Channel.



Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)



- DERA originally authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005
- Amended by the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-364)
- Enables EPA to offer funding assistance
 - Goal is to reduce diesel emissions
 - Competitive process for eligible entities
- Only government and nonprofits can apply
 - BUT private sector can partner with eligible entities

DERA Eligible Projects



- Verified Exhaust Control Technologies
- Verified/Certified Engine Upgrades and Remanufacture Systems
- Verified/Certified Cleaner Fuel Use
- Verified Idle Reduction Technologies
- Verified Aerodynamic Technologies & Low Rolling Resistance Tires
- Certified Engine Replacement
- Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
- Certified Clean Alternative Fuel Conversion

DERA Funding Changes



- From 2008 to 2015 repowers and replacements projects funded at same level no matter the technology
- In 2016 and 2017 funding percentages were increased for natural gas and electric repowers and replacements

ONROAD	Repower	Replacement
Diesel	40%	25%
CARB Low-NOx Standard (CNG/LPG)	50%	35%
Electric	60%	45%

Locomotive, Marine, and Nonroad	Repower	Replacement (Marine not eligible)
Diesel	40%	25%
Electric	60%	45%

DERA Recent Activity



- Three entities in the Houston/Galveston area have been selected for 2017 DERA funding
 - Port Houston is one of these entities
 - Expect to be awarded \$143,500 to replace a sweeper, fuel truck, work truck, and two buses
- EPA Region 6 press release will announce 2017 DERA awards late November/early December
- Next DERA call for projects in Spring 2018 for around \$35 million

Port Houston DERA Grants



- Port Houston has been awarded \$8.2 million in DERA funds
 - 64 yard tractor replacements
 - 26 yard tractor retrofits
 - 31 forklift replacements
 - 14 forklift repowers
 - 1 rubber wheel loader replacement
 - 3 marine engine repowers
 - 13 drayage truck replacements
 - Cleaner fuel use in 163 ocean-going vessel calls





