

EPA Announces Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program

This week, the U.S. EPA formally announced its voluntary diesel retrofit initiative. The program includes a goal for commitments by the end of the year to retrofit 10,000 diesel engines with exhaust emission controls. Other elements of the program include a verification system under which emission control technology manufacturers can demonstrate the emission reduction effectiveness of their technology, and a website that will contain information regarding: 1) technologies that have been verified and the engine to which these technologies are applicable; 2) retrofit programs that are underway; sources of funding for retrofits; 3) tools to help calculate the emission reduction benefits of specific retrofit programs; and 4) other information. EPA currently has a website with information regarding the retrofit initiative at www.epa.gov/oms/trans/vmweb/vmhvydty.htm but it plans to introduce an enhanced website in the next several months.

For more information regarding EPA's program, call EPA's Matt Payne at 734/214-4576 or Gay MacGregor at 734/214-4438.