

California's Air Resources Board Approves Funding Guidelines for Lower-Emission School Bus Program – At its December 7, 2000 meeting, the Air Resources Board approved guidelines for allocating \$50 million to purchase new alternative fuel-powered school buses (\$25 million), lower-emission diesel-fueled buses (\$12.5 million), and retrofitting existing buses with diesel particulate filters (\$12.5 million). The Board's final allocation actually added \$2.5 million to the staff's recommendation of \$10 million for filter retrofits. The funding will result in the purchase of approximately 208 alternative fuel buses, 144 new lower emission diesel buses, and 1875 filter retrofits. To qualify for funding, new diesel engines must meet emission limits of 3.0 g/bhp-hr NO_x and 0.01 g/bhp-hr PM.