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MECA Praises U.S. EPA's Heavy-Duty Engine Standards/Diesel Fuel Sulfur Limits Rule

Washington, DC – The Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA), the association of the world's leading manufacturers of motor vehicle emission control technology, today voiced strong support for the U.S. EPA's recently-announced on-road heavy-duty engine and vehicle 2007 and later model year emission standards and diesel fuel sulfur limits regulatory initiative.

“In adopting the 2007 on-road heavy-duty engine standards and 15 ppm diesel sulfur limit, the Environmental Protection Agency has taken a truly historic step forward in helping this Nation's efforts to ensure that the air we breathe is clean and the health of our citizens is protected,” stated MECA's Executive Director, Bruce Bertelsen. “EPA's regulatory initiative poses challenges to the engine manufacturers, emission control manufacturers, and the oil industry, but we strongly believe that these challenges can and will be met. The solution will be, as EPA's regulatory initiative recognized, an engineered systems approach that incorporates and combines advanced engine designs, advanced emission control technology, and very low sulfur diesel fuel. The end result will usher in the era of the truly clean diesel engine.”

“Over the past several years, MECA companies have spent several hundred million dollars on developing, optimizing, and commercializing advanced emission control technologies to help enable motor vehicles to meet increasingly more stringent emission control regulatory requirements. With EPA's highway heavy-duty engine and vehicle/diesel fuel sulfur control program in place, these companies will intensify their efforts and commitments to ensure that the emission control technology is available to meet the stringent EPA standards. Our industry looks forward to working with EPA, the engine manufacturers, the oil industry and other interested parties in making EPA's regulatory program a great success,” Bertelsen concluded.

Founded in 1976, MECA is a national association of companies that manufacture a variety of mobile source emission control equipment for automobiles, trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles and engines, as well as catalytic controls for select stationary sources. For more information on emission control technology, please visit MECA's web site at www.meca.org.