Lane County Public Works Department

Merlyn Hough
Director
Lane Regional Air Protection Agency
1010 Main Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Dear Mr. Hough:

Lane County is pleased to be a partner in the *Clean Lane Fleets: Partners for Clean Air and a Healthy Community* project. We are committed to this effort that will provide funding to retrofit our public fleet equipment with diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs) and diesel particulate filters (DPFs). These retrofits are a proven, cost-effective solution for emission reductions.

Lane County includes federal non-attainment areas for $PM_{2.5}$ (fine particulate) and PM_{10}. Almost all areas of the county experience high levels of particle pollution in the winter and some areas experience increased ozone levels in the summer. Communities along the heavily used I-5 corridor are impacted by diesel emissions from freeway traffic.

Retrofitting public equipment will help reduce emissions from diesel vehicles that spend most of their time in populated areas. Lane County has the third highest rate of asthma in the State of Oregon. A high incidence of asthma within our young population makes it imperative we find ways to reduce particle pollution from diesel vehicles. Many areas in the county have low-income residents who cannot afford regular health care. This program will also benefit the public employees who operate diesel equipment on a daily basis. Reducing their exposure to harmful diesel emissions will result in overall better health and fewer sick days.

Lane County has been a member of LRAPA for over 40 years and shares the agency's vision of working together to provide clean air for everyone. We look forward to future joint efforts to reduce pollution and reach our goal of making Lane County a healthy place for all residents.

Sincerely,

Phillip Guyette
Fleet Services Manager

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