

Summary of several Metro efforts to support clean diesel
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HB 2671 (2009) Metro use of solid waste funds

In order to carry out a diesel retrofit program, state statute had to be modified to allow Metro solid waste funds to be expended on this type of project. The bill enabled Metro to use solid waste fees to address the broader environmental impacts of the solid waste system. The bill allowed Metro to provide some matching funds from solid waste revenues on an EPA-funded diesel retrofit project.

Metro diesel retrofit project (2010-2012)

Metro, in partnership with DEQ, received a grant from EPA to retrofit about 12% of the 1,000 solid waste trucks in our region at a total cost of around \$650,000. Metro funded about 40% of that cost. 119 garbage trucks were retrofitted with advanced exhaust controls. In its first year, this project yielded estimated public health and welfare benefits nearly equal to its cost, with ongoing positive returns expected over the remaining life of the equipment.

SB 249 (2013) DEQ use of DERPA federal funds

The criteria for what constituted an eligible activity under the federal DERA program were broader than the eligibility criteria under the state established Oregon Clean Diesel Fund. This meant Federal funds might have been available for projects that would not have qualified as allowable uses of the Clean Diesel Fund under Oregon statute. SB 249 aligned state with federal criteria. Metro worked with stakeholders including the Oregon Trucking Association, Northwest Natural, Oregon Environmental Council and the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association to pass the legislation.

Clean diesel contract provisions

Metro contracts for the operation of two solid waste transfer stations and for the long haul of waste from these facilities to the landfill. Metro has provisions in these agreements that the contractors will employ best available technologies for the reduction emissions including rolling stock (e.g., front end loaders) at the transfer stations and the tractors hauling the compacted wastes in trailers to the landfill.