

NATIONAL IDLING REDUCTION NETWORK NEWS

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Idling Reduction Regulatory News

On Thursday, July 8, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a Notice of Data Availability for Truck Stop Electrification Codes and Electrical Standards starting on page 41254 of the *Federal Register*. You can access it by clicking on <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-15534.pdf>. Comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2004, for docket number OAR-2003-0226. Further information about how to submit a comment can be found on page 41255. *Source:* Paul Bubbosh, EPA

Idling Reduction Grants

On Thursday, July 1, 2004, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania announced a new grant program for Pennsylvania small businesses. The Pennsylvania Small Business Advantage Grants go up to \$7,500, with 50-50 cost share. Grant funds can be used for adopting or acquiring energy-efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes, including idling reduction devices. Projects for vehicles that spend a substantial portion of time in Pennsylvania will be viewed more favorably. For further information, contact David Barnes at (717) 772-5160 at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The most accurate and up-to-date information can be found at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/pollprev/Ombudsman/Advantage/ADVANTAGE.htm>. *Source:* Arleen Shulman, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Idling Reduction General News

On Wednesday, June 30, 2004, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski applauded Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway for agreeing to install idle reduction technologies on locomotive switch engines based in their Portland facility. Further information is available at http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/press_063004.shtml. *Source:* Joe Tario, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Summary of State Anti-Idling Regulations

Here is the current list of regulations in States and municipalities that cover anti-idling regulations (<http://www.epa.gov/otag/smartway/documents/statelaws.pdf>). If your State or municipality has changed anything listed here, please let us know, and we'll make sure to inform our readership. This newsletter is also a place to let people know that you are thinking of adding or changing regulations and are soliciting comments.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

On Wednesday, July 21 from 1:00 to 2:30 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will sponsor a "Talking Freight Seminar" on idle-reduction technology and initiatives. These monthly FHWA-sponsored net-conference seminars provide a convenient and no-cost way for transportation practitioners to broaden their freight knowledge base and develop new skills to help them do their jobs better. A one-time, easily downloadable plug-in is required for first-time users, and is available at time of registration. Please go to the following web site to find out more about the "Talking Freight Seminars" and to sign up for the idle-reduction session: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/freightplanning/talking.htm>. Source: Diane Turchetta, FHWA

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