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Health Department Offering Grants to Upgrade Diesel Equipment In/Around Neville Island
Diesel Upgrades Will Reduce Emissions and Help Improve Local Air Quality

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department is offering companies and municipalities in or around Neville Island the opportunity to upgrade their diesel fleets at little or no cost and help improve local air quality.

The Health Department has established a program supported by a \$750,000 grant from the Allegheny County Clean Air Fund to reduce toxic diesel particulate emissions on Neville Island, a heavily industrialized area that is home to numerous diesel fleets.

“The emission reductions will result in cleaner air not only on Neville Island but also in several downwind communities, such as Avalon and Bellevue,” said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker.

The program provides up to 100% funding for diesel retrofits, which include the installation of particulate filters and oxidation catalysts. Retrofits work by filtering diesel equipment’s exhaust emissions and reducing harmful pollutants before they are emitted.

Up to 75% funding is available for diesel engine repowers and rebuilds. Repowering is the process of installing a newer, cleaner engine to replace an older one, which greatly extends the life of the equipment and dramatically reduces its emissions. Rebuilding is the process of restoring an engine to its original manufacturing standard or a more recent standard, increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions.

Grants are available for upgrades to both on-road and off-road diesel equipment. To be eligible, applicants must be headquartered on Neville Island or operate within an adjacent community.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit www.achd.net/air/neville or contact Alaina Conner at aconner@achd.net or **412-578-8106**.

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