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Health Department Invites Small Construction Companies to Webinar *Funding Available to Help Upgrade Diesel Fleets*

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) today is inviting small construction companies to attend a free webinar to learn how they can take advantage of available funding to upgrade their diesel fleet. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, November 10th, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

“We take our role in protecting the public’s health by regulating air pollutants in the county very seriously,” said Dr. Karen Hacker, ACHD Director. “Helping companies and organizations take advantage of the current opportunity is part of that responsibility, and is another steps towards improving our air quality.”

To offset the burden on small businesses, ACHD is offering funding to upgrade diesel fleets of construction companies, so that they may remain competitive as clean construction policies become the norm. The Build It With Clean Diesel grant program will pay up to 75% of the costs of engine repowers and up to 100% for retrofits. Up to \$100,000 is available per company.

The webinar will include a question and answer session with the fund administrators. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Jason Koss at jasonk@cawp.org or by calling 412-343-8000.

To be eligible for funding, construction companies must qualify as a small business (\$36,500,000 or less in annual receipts) and must conduct the majority of their construction work in Allegheny County.

Diesel engines produce excess fine particulate pollution, a harmful regional pollutant. Companies in Pittsburgh and across the U.S. are beginning to adopt clean construction policies in order to reduce the amount of pollution produced while building new construction. Under these policies, companies may need to limit the construction equipment allowed on site. Only equipment with working diesel particulate filters or tier 3 or 4 equivalent emission standards may be allowed to operate.

For questions on the program, please contact Debbie Thomas at dthomas@marama.org or by calling 443-322-0320. More information can be found online at www.dieselmidatlantic.org/allegheny.

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