

CONSTRUCTION AIR QUALITY—DIESEL VEHICLE EMISSIONS CONTROLS

Description. The reduction of emissions of Carbon Monoxide (CO), Hydrocarbons (HC), Nitrogen oxides (NOx), and Particulate Matter (PM) will be accomplished by installing Retrofit Emission Control Devices and/or by using cleaner burning diesel fuels. The term “equipment” refers to any and all diesel fuel powered devices rated at 50 Horse power (HP) and above, to be used on the project site for any length of time, (including any “rented” or “rental” equipment).

All Contractor and Sub-contractor diesel powered equipment with engine horsepower (HP) ratings of 50 HP and above, that are on the project or are assigned to the contract shall be prohibited from using “off-road” diesel fuel (above 500 parts per million (ppm) sulfur content) at any time. In addition, diesel powered equipment shall be either (1) retrofitted with Emissions Control Devices *and* use Cleaner burning “on-road” diesel fuel (500 ppm sulfur content or less), or (2) use Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel fuel (ULSD) exclusively (15 ppm sulfur content or less), in order to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions. Large cranes (Sky cranes or Link Belt cranes), which are responsible for critical lift operations are exempt from installing Retrofit Emission Control Devices if they adversely affect equipment operation.

In addition, all construction motor vehicles (both on-road and off-road, gasoline or diesel fuel powered) shall comply with all pertinent State and Federal regulations relative to exhaust emission controls and safety, including opacity. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s) regarding Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) emissions testing for gasoline powered vehicles can be accessed at (www.epa.state.il.us/air/vim/faq/testing.html). Regulations regarding diesel powered vehicles over 16,000 pounds, and the Diesel Emission Inspection Program (Title 92: Transportation Part 460, Diesel Emission Inspection Program, Subpart A: General) can be accessed at (www.dot.state.il.us/regulations.html). Diesel powered vehicles less than 16,000 pounds are exempt from testing by IDOT. All diesel powered equipment used on the project site shall be subject to reasonable, random spot checks for compliance with the required emissions controls and proper diesel fuel usage. The Secretary of State, Illinois State Police and other law enforcement officers shall enforce Part 460. For additional information concerning Illinois diesel emission inspection requirements, please call the Illinois Department of Transportation, Diesel Emission Inspections Unit, at 217-557-6081.

The Retrofit Emission Control Devices shall consist of oxidation catalysts, or similar retrofit equipment control technology that (1) is included on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) *Verified Retrofit Technology List* (www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/retroverifiedlist.html) and (2) is verified by EPA or certified by the manufacturer via letter, to provide a minimum emissions reduction of 20% PM10, 40% CO, and 50% HC when used with “on-road” diesel fuel. As noted above, the Retrofit Emission Control Device *must be used with on-road diesel fuel* (500 ppm sulfur content or less).

If used, ULSD fuel shall conform to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D-975 diesel with the following additional specifications:

- ASTM D-5453 15 ppm Sulfur max.
- ASTM D-6078 Lubricity (SBOCLE) 3100 g min.
- ASTM D-613 Cetane 45 min.
- Dyed (for Off-road use)

Construction shall not proceed until the contractor submits a certified list of the diesel powered equipment that will be retrofitted with emission control devices and use "on-road" diesel fuel, and a list of equipment that will use ULSD fuel only. The list(s) shall include (1) the equipment number, type, make, and contractor/sub-contractor name; (2) the emission control devices make, model and EPA verification number; and (3) the type and source of clean fuels to be used. Vehicles reported as fitted with emissions control devices shall be made available to the Engineer for visual inspection of the device installation by qualified staff, prior to being used on the project site. Diesel powered equipment in non-compliance will not be allowed to be used on the project site, and is also subject to a "Notice of Non-Compliance" as outlined below under "Environmental Deficiency Deduction."

The contractor shall submit monthly summary reports, updating the list of construction equipment, and include certified copies of the diesel fuel delivery slips (for both "on-road" and ULSD) for the reporting time period, noting the type of diesel fuel used with each piece of diesel powered equipment. The addition or deletion of any diesel powered equipment shall be included in the summary and noted on the monthly report.

If any diesel powered equipment is found to be in non-compliance with any portion of this specification, the Engineer will issue the contractor a Notice of Non-Compliance and given an appropriate period of time, as outlined below under "Environmental Deficiency Deduction," in which to bring the equipment into compliance or remove it from the project site. Failure to comply with the "Diesel Vehicle Emission Controls", shall also subject the Contractor or sub-contractor to an "Environmental Deficiency Deduction," as outlined below.

Any costs associated with bringing any diesel powered equipment into compliance with these "Diesel Vehicle Emissions Controls" shall be included in the overall cost of the contract. In addition, there shall be no time granted to the contractor for compliance with this notice. The contractor's compliance with this notice and any associated regulations shall also not be grounds for a claim.

A. IDLING. The contractor shall establish truck-staging areas for all diesel powered vehicles that are waiting to load or unload material at the contract area. Such zones shall be located where the diesel emissions from the equipment will have a minimum impact on adjacent abutters and sensitive receptors of the general public. The Department will coordinate such locations with the Contractor and City Of Chicago authorities, including local aldermen, in the selection of staging areas, whether within or outside the existing highway right-of-way (ROW), to avoid locations near sensitive areas or populations to the extent possible. Sensitive receptors include, but are not limited to hospitals, schools, residences, motels, hotels, daycare facilities, elderly housing and convalescent facilities. Diesel powered engines shall also be located as far away as possible from fresh air intakes, air conditioners, and windows. Diesel powered engines shall not be allowed to idle, except only as follows:

- A maximum of 5 minutes idling is allowed for loading and unloading vehicles.
- When the equipment is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control;
- When it is necessary to operate auxiliary systems installed on the equipment, only when such system operation is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the equipment;
- To bring the equipment to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature;
- When the outdoor temperature is below forty-five (45) degrees Fahrenheit or above eighty (80) degrees Fahrenheit;
- When the equipment is being repaired.

All work shall be conducted to ensure that no harmful effects are caused to adjacent sensitive receptors. Equipment and equipment operators found in non-compliance with these idling provisions shall receive a warning, and on the next offense be subject to an Environmental Deficiency Deduction as outlined below. The contractor or sub-contractor may reserve the right to enforce this deduction on their own equipment operator, as necessary.

B. MITIGATION. Air quality monitoring will be conducted throughout the course of the Dan Ryan reconstruction project, by a separate air quality consultant. The contractor shall designate a point person to be responsive to IDOT in the event construction related air quality issues arise. If the ongoing monitoring detects an adverse air quality issue that is due to, or exacerbated by construction activities, the contractor's point person will be required to consult with the Engineer, to determine the appropriate course of action.

Appropriate mitigation measures can include a variety of actions ranging from, but not limited to additional watering, removal of construction equipment from nearby sensitive receptors, shut down of diesel powered equipment, or other mitigation measures which may be required as data becomes available and as approved by the Engineer.

Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment:

The **CONSTRUCTION AIR QUALITY – DIESEL EMISSIONS CONTROLS** will not be measured for payment and the cost of this work shall be included in the unit prices bid and no additional compensation will be allowed.