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ADEQ INTRODUCES "Go RED!"

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has received funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce emissions from diesel engines in the state. ADEQ is offering these funds as a competitive funding assistance opportunity called, "Reduce Emissions from Diesels (Go RED!)". Public entities and non-profit organizations in Arkansas will be eligible to receive funding.

The funds will be awarded on a competitive basis and projects that are selected for awards must reduce diesel emissions in Arkansas. The total amount of available funding is approximately \$400,000 and ADEQ will award funding assistance of up to \$100,000 per organization. ADEQ will fund retrofits, idling reduction technology, and engine upgrades up to 100 percent, engine replacement up to 50 percent and vehicle and equipment replacement up to 25 percent.

The deadline for ADEQ to receive proposal submittals is April 1, 2009. Awards will be made by May 15, 2009.

All diesels, particularly older diesels, release harmful substances into the air, including nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. These emissions can cause serious health concerns especially for children, the elderly and individuals with respiratory problems. Across the nation each year, these emissions are linked to thousands of premature deaths, asthma attacks, millions of lost work days and many other numerous health impacts.

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Applications for “Go RED!” funding can be found on the ADEQ website at www.adeg.state.ar.us under Hot Topics.

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