

Minutes

Blue Skyways Collaborative On-Road Subcommittee



Conference Call

June 26th, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

Call-in number: 866-299-3188

Participant Code: 214-665-6763

Announcements:

- Blue Skyways Clean School Bus RFP to be released by early July
- SmartWay Financing Brochure available (contact Amy if you would like copies)
- BP Sustainability Report available on website at:
<http://www.bp.com/downloadlisting.do?categoryId=9010741&contentId=7022970>
- Article regarding June 1, 2007 production of Low Sulfur Diesel for off-road applications: <http://www.dieselforum.org/newsarticle/article/792/51/>
- Clean Air Task Force Report: No escape from diesel exhaust:
<http://www.catf.us/projects/diesel/noescape/>
- EPA Region 2 Clean School Bus Study on emissions from engine start/stop:
<http://www.epa.gov/region02/cleanschoolbus/study.htm>
- National Idle Reduction Network May Newsletter:
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/resources/fcvt_national_idling.html
- Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute New daily blog: <http://www.afvi.org/blog/>
- Two additional idle reduction workshops to be held in KS in the fall

Collaborative Idle Reduction Effort

There may be some interest in hosting regional idle reduction efforts in region 7 or with MO/KS. Subset of this group will look into options further. If others are interested and want to hear about best practices and/or ideas for targeted workshops, speakers or events, please contact Amy.

Updates

- Wyandotte County is holding off on their idle rules while KDHE will be moving forward on the state rule applicable in Kansas City.

Reflash

- Tracy indicated difficulty in getting info from DOT's, but was able to find information on how Southern California inventoried the vehicles through VIN numbers. She is following up to get more information.
- Have report from engine manufacturers as of December 2006 with the number of engines affected. Low percentage range from 3-16% of engines that have been reflashed, indicating that is still an issue.

- Amy B. will send out a separate invite to folks who are interested in pursuing the reflash topic. If you are interested and have not been contacted, please let Amy know.

Technology Update: Retrofit Technologies

Presented by Steve Albrink, EPA OTAQ, albrink.steve@epa.gov

Steve provided an overview of retrofit technologies – how to select the right technology and considerations for a retrofit program. The slides from this discussion will be posted at <http://www.blueskyways.org/archives/notes.htm#On-Road> under the meeting notes for this meeting.