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Subject: Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects

Dear Clean Diesel Stakeholders:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is announcing the anticipated availability of at least \$213,000 in new federal funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in our state. This money is authorized under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) and is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, DEEP has reserved the opportunity to double its State DERA allocation if demand is sufficient.

All interested parties are encouraged to apply by submitting their proposal on the attached form, which can also be found at: http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&deepNav_GID=1619. Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov; proposals must be submitted no later than November 14, 2018.

DERA funding presents an excellent opportunity to leverage federal funds for newer, cleaner equipment that benefits you while also helping to improve air quality and to protect public health in Connecticut. DEEP may only use DERA funds for projects that reduce diesel emissions. A complete list of eligible projects is provided in the attached 2018 Guidance for State DERA Project Proposals. DEEP is seeking grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and businesses for diesel emissions reduction projects that are environmentally and economically-beneficial, can be initiated promptly, and will be completed quickly. Projects must be completed by August 31, 2019.

Potential applicants may be aware of funding opportunities under Connecticut's Volkswagen Mitigation Program (VW Program), for various nitrogen oxide (NO_x) mitigation projects, including diesel emissions reduction projects. However, many clean diesel projects that are eligible for the State DERA Program, are not eligible for VW funding. Among these are early replacement of construction, agricultural, or transport refrigeration equipment and engine replacement for commercial fishing vessels. DEEP recommends that you familiarize yourselves with the State of Connecticut Mitigation Plan under Volkswagen 2.0L and 3.0L Vehicle Partial Consent Decrees, Appendix D, at: http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/air/mobile/vw/CT_VW_Final_Mitigation_Plan.pdf as you consider options under both the existing DERA and future VW opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Klee", is written over a blue oval-shaped stamp or seal.

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

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