

**Announcing EJ/Air Community Conference Call**  
**Transport Rule and Diesel Emissions**  
**September 28, 2010**

**Intended Audience:** Environmental Justice and Tribal Communities or organizations

**When:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 Time: 1:30 to 3:00 PM EDT

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**Purpose:** Communities have requested EPA's Air Programs to provide more timely information on upcoming activities. To better share information and enable ongoing communication between EPA and interested community groups, EPA has begin to host bi-monthly conference calls. This call will provide an opportunity for communities to:

- **Ask additional clarifying questions on EPA's proposed Transport Rule.**

On July 6, 2010, EPA proposed a rule that would protect the health of millions of Americans by helping states reduce air pollution and attain clean air standards. This rule, known as the Transport Rule, would require 31 states and the District of Columbia to significantly improve air quality by reducing power plant emissions that contribute to ozone and fine particle pollution in downwind states. Specifically, this proposal would require significant reductions in sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions that cross state lines. These pollutants react in the atmosphere to form fine particles and ground-level ozone and are transported long distances, making it difficult for other states to achieve national clean air standards. Additional information on the Transport Rule is available at: [www.epa.gov/airtransport](http://www.epa.gov/airtransport).

- **Learn about Strategies and Resources for Communities to Reduce Diesel Emissions**

Emissions from diesel exhaust can lead to serious health conditions, such as asthma and allergies, and can also worsen heart and lung disease, especially for vulnerable populations such as children and older individuals.

USEPA recognizes that minority and disadvantaged populations may receive disproportionate impacts from diesel emissions. Activities of the National Clean Diesel Campaign further EPA's commitments to reduce health and environmental harm from diesel emissions in all communities throughout the country.

Ms. Connie Ruth from EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign will discuss ways communities can become involved in reducing local diesel emissions from mobile sources such as trucks, school buses, construction and rail equipment, port equipment and vessels and municipal fleets including refuse haulers and buses. Ms. Ruth will cover health concerns, clean diesel solutions, Regional Clean Diesel Collaboratives, school bus idle reduction materials, funding opportunities, draft contract language and additional resources. A community member of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative will also discuss a local clean diesel project. In addition, there will be time for questions and answers.

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