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On behalf of the conference presenters and sponsors, we welcome you to ***Tools for Cleaning Up Illinois Diesel:*** *Technology, Funding, and Collaboration*. We hope you find this conference informative and a great networking experience.

We rely on diesel-powered engines everyday as the workhorse of our transportation economy - the heavy duty trucks and locomotives which move freight across the country, the schools buses transporting our children to school, the transit buses getting us to work, and the construction equipment used to build our highways and buildings. These diesel-powered engines are durable and efficient. Unfortunately, diesel exhaust negatively affects Illinois' air quality. According to EPA's 2002 National Emissions Inventory, diesel engines are the source of 39% of Illinois' NOx emissions and 19% of Illinois' PM2.5 emissions. In the Chicago region alone, over 8 million people are living in areas that do not meet USEPA's health based standards for ozone and particulate matter.

The purpose of this conference is to provide you with a menu of technologies, strategies, and funding opportunities that are available in the marketplace today to help address this significant air quality challenge.

Today's conference wouldn't be possible without the strong collaboration of government, non-profit organizations, and industry. We look forward to working with you today and in the future, as we strive toward cleaner air.

Best regards,

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Web Resources:

The following web links are useful for finding out more information on topics covered throughout ***Tools for Cleaning Up Illinois Diesel:*** *Technology, Funding, and Collaboration:*

Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative: www.epa.gov/midwestcleandiesel
USEPA National Clean Diesel Campaign: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel
USEPA SmartWay Transport Partnership: www.epa.gov/smartway
USEPA Verified Diesel Retrofit Technologies: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/retroverifiedlist.htm
U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Program: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.state.il.us/air
Illinois Green Fleets: www.illinoisgreenfleets.org
Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition: www.chicagocleancities.org
Office of Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn: www.standingupforillinois.org/green/
Diesel Technology Forum: www.dieselforum.org
Clean Diesel Fuel Alliance: www.clean-diesel.org
Chicago Area Transportation Study: www.catsmpo.org
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