

# Populations, Activity and Emissions of Diesel Nonroad Equipment in EPA Region 7

## Advance Mailout Letter Appendix AI

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## Off-road Equipment & Machinery Study

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Dear Owner/Operator OR <Mr/Ms. LAST NAME>:

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests your help.** We're asking for your voluntary participation in a study about off-road equipment and machinery used in the construction industry. The study will involve business owners sharing information on the number and types of off-road equipment in their fleet, such as bulldozers, backhoes and generators used for construction operations. To do this, we need to better understand the amount and types of off-road equipment used in your area and the *real-world* activity and emissions from diesel construction equipment.

EPA contracted with NuStats, an independent research organization, to administer this study. We urge you to participate – **the results will improve the accuracy of the methods EPA uses to estimate usage and emissions of diesel powered equipment and, ultimately, help us keep the air we breathe clean.** This effort does not involve compliance testing.

Prominent trade associations support this study including the American Road and Transportation Builders Association and the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. These organizations represent the interests of construction operators at state and national levels and recognize the value of the study to industry as well as to government.

***Your participation is both voluntary and completely confidential.*** A recent federal statute guarantees the confidentiality of all participants in this study. This means the information your establishment provides will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title 5, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents without your consent. By law, every EPA employee as well as every agent, such as interviewers and technicians, is subject to a jail term, a fine or both if he or she discloses *any* identifiable information about your establishment.

What the statute means is that we may not disclose any information that may identify you, such as your address, contact information or worksite locations, unless required by law. However, information such as the emissions or usage data collected during the study may be disclosed, but in doing so we may not identify you as the source of the information, either directly or indirectly.

### **The study involves two easy steps.**

1. First, if you are not the person most knowledgeable about your business' off-road equipment inventory, call Luis Palafox at 1-800-447-8287 x 2227 with the name and phone number of the best contact and send this packet to that person.
2. Second, await a call from a professional interviewer from NuStats to conduct a 3 to 4 minute phone survey at your convenience. We may ask you to participate in a second phase of the survey (see the fact sheet for additional information).

Again, we appreciate your assistance in this important study. If you have any questions, please call Alan Banwart of our Kansas City Regional Office at 913-551-7819. To contact the independent research firm conducting the study, call the survey project manager, Mia Zmud at 1-800-447-8287, ext. 2224 or email her at mia@nustats.com.

Thank you in advance,

<SIGNATURE>

John Koupal, Director, Air Quality and Modeling Center, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory

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