

To: MDC Stakeholders
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Mark you Calendars! September Workgroup Call Dates and Times Set

Please mark your calendars for the next round of MDC workgroup calls. Speaker information and agendas will be distributed to the workgroups directly and posted on www.dieselmideatlantic.org in early September. To join a forum please contact the lead listed below or [Susan Stephenson](mailto:Susan.Stephenson@epa.gov).

Forum	Call Date	Contact
Urban Fleets	September 17, 2008 ~ 2:00-3:30	Alison Riley, AMS ~ Alison.Riley@phila.gov
Goods Movement	September 18, 2008 ~ 10:30-12:00	Bill Jones, EPA ~ Jones.Bill@epa.gov
Construction	September 24, 2008 ~ 10:30-12:00	Megan Goold, EPA ~ Goold.Megan@epa.gov
School Bus	September 25, 2008 ~ 10:30-12:00	Paul Krall, EPA ~ Krall.Paula@epa.gov

The Northern Transportation and Air Quality Summit Presentations to Be Posted

This cutting-edge transportation and air quality conference for the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast took place August 13-15, 2008 at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. The Summit brought together stakeholders from the transportation and air quality communities to discuss the current and upcoming regulatory environment, new technologies, and current practices. The content was geared toward practitioners in the northern and Mid-Atlantic States involved with public agencies at all levels. A host of speakers from the national and regional levels presented on key topics, best practices, and latest information vital to transportation, planning, and air quality professionals.

The Northern Transportation and Air Quality Summit (NTAQS) was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regions 1, 2, and 3. Co-sponsors include the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, Inc. (MARAMA), and the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative.

For event presentations: www.marama.org/ntaqs (Presentations will be posted by 8/21/08)

Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conferences: East Coast a Success and Pacific Northwest Early Bird Registration Available

The Inaugural East Coast Faster Freight Cleaner Air (FFCA) Conference was held on July 8-9 in New York City. The three-day conference featured general sessions, breakout sessions (tracks covering Marine, Rail, On-Road/Trucking, and Off-Road), and an exciting Expo Hall that featured the latest and greatest clean vehicle technologies and information about sponsors. The conference was attended by 452 stakeholders from various organizations including federal, state, and local governments, EPA, academia, State environmental departments, marine terminal operators, rail and shipping companies, emission control technology providers, port administrators and staff, and many more.

Highlights included a presentation by Alberto Alemán Zubieta, Administrator of the Panama Canal Expansion Program, Panama Canal Authority. Mr. Zubieta gave a general overview and a history of the canal and then discussed the Panama Canal Expansion Program which will allow the canal to transport larger ships. In his conclusion he stated that the Expansion Program is a green project that will provide benefits to trade in terms of time and cost savings, as well as global carbon dioxide emissions reductions. Professor James Corbett from the University of Delaware discussed the future of freight and the Geospatial Intermodal Freight Transportation or GIFT Model which is an intermodal freight network optimization model that can be used to evaluate objective tradeoffs. The presentation led to a lively discussion about the future of goods movement on the east coast and internationally.

Presentations are available online: <http://www.ffcaeastcoast.com/agenda.html>

Pacific Northwest Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference Early Bird Registration is Available

Click [here](#) for more information

The FFCA Conference Series returns to the Seattle Waterfront on September 17-18, 2008. The conference continues to grow with additional support committed from a wide range of members of the goods movement industry throughout the entire region. FFCA Pacific Northwest will take place at the Bell Harbor International Convention Center in Seattle, Washington.

In addition to an exciting line up of industry leaders, agency representatives and other important stakeholders, the keynote address will be provided by Mr. W. Patrick Burgoyne, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Yusen Terminals Inc. Mr. Burgoyne will provide timely remarks on how NYK Line's is addressing growth with efficient solutions and their "Green Policy" for the day-to-day company operations as well as highlighting the company's plans for the new marine container terminal in the Pacific Northwest, now scheduled to open in 2012.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to interact with key stakeholders: technology providers, port representatives, labor, community members, industry executives, academic institutions, environmental groups and elected officials.

Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2008 Signed!

The President signed into law H.R. 802, the Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2008. The new law ratifies Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships – known as the MARPOL Convention, which includes any protocols or annexes entered into force in the U.S. – aimed at reducing air pollution from ocean-going vessels. In addition it directs EPA, in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, to set

limits on ship emissions of oxides of nitrogen, sulfur dioxide and ozone-depleting substances, consistent with the international treaty.

Click [here](#) to view the EPA Press Release.

MDC State and Local Activities Page Goes Live

MDC has a new page of resources and information about state and local activities that are occurring in the region. The page features links to state and local websites, a regional list from EPA Region 3's Diesel Projects Database and a link to the database, and facts about interesting projects and activities. A recent addition to the site is information about the Pittsburgh Healthy School Bus Fund in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. School buses remain the safest method of transporting pupils to school; however, pre-2007 model buses can emit diesel pollution from the engine tailpipe and crankcase that exposes passengers and others to pollutants that cause health problems. Rather than waiting for the buses to be replaced by cleaner 2007 or later models, reducing diesel emissions now from school buses will have health benefits for one school children. To promote this solution, the Clean Air Task Force, Clean Water Action, the Group Against Smog and Pollution and the Heinz Endowments, established the Pittsburgh Healthy School Bus Fund to retrofit school buses. The Heinz Endowments has made this program possible by providing \$500,000 in initial funds. The expectation is that a combination of public and private grants will make substantial additional funding available.

To view this webpage, click [here](#). Please let us know if we should add a link or any information to the page.

Reminder – Sign up to receive workgroup specific information

If you would like to receive forum specific emails such as call agendas, funding notices, etc. please send [Susan Stephenson](#) or [Bill Jones](#) an email and we will add you to the appropriate group.

Web Site Updates – Refresh Early and Often

As MDC continues update its website please remember that it is important to “refresh” your machine on a regular basis. We have not automated our “last updated” section on the bottom of each page. So every time we make a change to the page this date will automatically change.