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MOORE ANNOUNCES GRANT PROGRAM FOR OWNERS OF DIESEL-POWERED TRUCKS

Boston – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has made available a new grant opportunity for owners of diesel-powered trucks and equipment serving wholesale markets, warehouses, and distribution.

Funding for the grant has been provided by the federal government. Those who might be eligible for grant funding include employees of wholesale markets, warehouses and distribution centers (perishable and non-perishable items), and owners of long haul and short haul trucks.

The grants will assist with the purchase and installation of three types of emission reducing technologies to owners of diesel-powered trucks and equipment operating at and/or serving wholesale markets, warehouses, and distribution centers in Massachusetts. The purpose of the “MassCleanDiesel: Clean Markets” Program is to reduce public and worker exposure to diesel emissions in and around these facilities. The three technologies include:

- 1) Auxiliary Power Units (APUs), small diesel engines installed on long-haul Class 8 trucks that provide cooling, heating, and electrical power to allow a truck’s main engine to shut down during periods of extended idling.
- 2) Electric Transportation Refrigeration Units (eTRUs), TRUs that are powered by land-based electrical infrastructure rather than diesel engines.
- 3) Retrofit Device, equipment that is installed in place of or in-line with a diesel engine’s existing muffler to reduce pollutants.

These grants will help to make operations of such equipment environmentally cleaner, and reduce worker exposure to diesel emissions in or around related facilities.

Completed applications (hard copy only) are due October 31, 2011 and should be submitted to: Susan Lyon, Diesel Grant Programs Coordinator, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

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