**Rule Caption:** Clean Diesel Grant Program — Alignment with Federal Guidelines

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**Subject:** The 2013 Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Bill 249 that became effective April 18, 2013. The bill authorized DEQ to administer federal grants received for clean diesel projects in accordance with federal grant guidelines rather than more limited state guidelines. Before the bill was approved, DEQ did not have statutory authority to accept and administer federal clean diesel grants for some projects. While Senate Bill 249 was effective upon signing, it is nevertheless necessary for DEQ to adopt a new rule because current rules limit DEQ’s ability to administer federal grants. Since DEQ was not able to propose permanent rules in time for the current federal grant cycle, the EQC adopted a temporary to enable DEQ to administer federal clean diesel grants.