Environmental Quality Commission meeting

Diesel Engine Emissions in Oregon

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Purpose and overview

- Environmental and Public Health Impacts
- Sources of Emissions
 - Onroad
 - Nonroad
- Level of Diesel Particulate Matter in the Air
- Next Steps



Anatomy of diesel particle





Health Effects of Diesel Particulate Matter

- Increased risk of certain cancers; including lung, breast, and blood system cancers.
- Cardiovascular effects including an increased risk of heart attacks.
- Pulmonary effects, such as upper respiratory system irritation and decreased lung functions.
- Neurodevelopmental and prenatal effects including decreased cognitive function and decreased birthweight.



Other Environmental Impacts - Ozone

- Increasing Ozone in air-sheds across Oregon
- Diesel combustion accounts for half of all mobile-source NOx emissions in Portland and Medford
- Approaching violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard
- Risks of nonattainment



Diesel PM Emissions Over Time



Oregon 2017 Percent Contribution to DIESEL-PM_{2.5} Emissions By Mobile Sector



Emissions Inventory for Diesel PM - Onroad



Heavy Duty Diesel Truck Registration in Oregon





OR Based Trucks Non-OR Based Trucks

Emissions Inventory for Diesel PM - Nonroad

Estimate non-road diesel equipment emissions for Oregon

- Improve upon EPA default inputs
- Improve accuracy

Characterize equipment owners/operators

 Help determine sectors or equipment types where policies/programs would have the most impact on emission reductions



Data Collection Methods

- Three approaches based on industry category
 - Whole fleet surveys Public Sector "census"
 - Random Sample Surveys Ag, Logging, Surface Mining, Cranes
 - Industry Specific Profiles Road and Building Construction, Utilities
- Industry profiles required:
 - Development of industrial task list and equipment productivity estimates
 - Input from industry experts in Oregon
 - Estimate hours of use and combine with engine age distribution to estimate emissions

Findings

2017 Statewide Annual PM_{2.5} Emissions by Equipment Category (Tons)



■ MOVES ■ Study

Findings (cont'd)

Logging Equipment



Agricultural Equipment



Construction/Mining Equipment





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2014 Statewide Diesel Particulate Matter Risk By Census Tract

Legend: Cancer Risk Per Million



References EPA 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment OAR 340-246-0090(3)(r)









Key Takeaways

- Diesel engine exhaust contributes to a wide-variety of health and environmental problems
- The major sources of diesel emissions are medium-duty and heavyduty trucks, and nonroad equipment such as construction and agriculture machinery
- While newer engines are cleaner-burning, Oregon has a substantial fleet of older, high-emitting equipment still in use
- The use of diesel engines and as a result diesel emissions is ubiquitous
- Some communities experience much higher levels of diesel pollution than others

September Briefing

- Describe Federal, State and Environmental Quality Commission authorities
- Inventory existing program and policies
- Review proposed rulemakings on the horizon
 - Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Fund Disbursement
 - Diesel Truck Registration and Retrofit Requirements
 - Voluntary Emissions Labeling for Construction Equipment
 - Medium and Heavy Duty low-NOx and ZEV standards
 - Extend and Expand Low Carbon Fuel Standards
 - Alternative Fuels Analysis for Heavy Duty Trucks

Questions

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