

ALERT! November 2004

ALERT! is a monthly update on transportation and air quality planning activities in the Delaware Valley.

It all adds up to cleaner air **TRANSPORTATION-AIR QUALITY INITIATIVE**

EPA Announces Grant Opportunities for Projects Involving Diesel Engines

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) is soliciting proposals from state, local, multi-state, tribal agencies, non-profit organizations and private institutions for partnership projects that investigate and demonstrate how to overcome challenges in applying EPA-verified pollution control technologies in reducing emissions from stationary source diesel-powered internal combustion engines.

The purpose of these grants is to fund demonstration projects that apply to "prime service" stationary source diesel engines which operate on a relatively continuous and routine basis for the application they serve. The total estimate funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4 p.m., December 20. To allow for efficient management of the process EPA is requesting submittal of an informal notice of "Intent to Apply" by November 20.

President Bush Signs Bill with Tax Incentives for Renewable Fuels

President Bush recently signed into law the American JOBS Creation Act of 2004. The bill provides the first ever federal tax incentive for biodiesel, and also extends the fuel-ethanol tax incentives that were due to expire.

The US Department of Agriculture estimates that the biodiesel incentive will increase demand for the fuel from 30 million gallons in fiscal year 2004 to 124 million gallons annually. Aside from the environmental benefit of using low-emissions biodiesel, the tax incentive will provide added value to soy crops and create thousands of jobs in manufacturing, agriculture and services that support those industries. The JOBS Act also ensures that the \$3 billion in gas taxes from ethanol-blended fuels is placed in the Highway Trust Fund. The law takes effect January 1, 2005.



**Wednesday,
November 10th, 2004
Philadelphia
Clean Cities Working
Group Meeting**

DVRPC Executive
Board Room
111 South Independence
Mall East
Philadelphia
10a.m. to 12 noon

**Friday,
November 19th, 2004
AQP Board Meeting**

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10a.m. to 12 noon

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