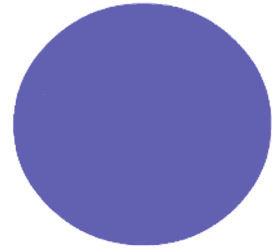


# ALERT! May 2005

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



## **CONFORMITY**

### **State Implementation Plan Revision & Designated Pollutant Plan Approvals**

The following proposed and final State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision approvals for Pennsylvania appeared in the April 26, 2005 Federal Register:

**Revision to the Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh I/M Regions.** EPA is proposing to approve a SIP revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This revision establishes mandatory onboard diagnostic testing under the Commonwealth's motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, which applies to motorists in the I/M-designated areas of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. This onboard diagnostic I/M testing applies only to 1996-and- newer vehicles that are already subject to Pennsylvania's existing I/M program and that are equipped with second-generation on-board diagnostic systems (or OBD-II).

The following SIP revision approvals for Pennsylvania appear in the April 4, 2005 Federal Register:

**Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Philadelphia Metropolitan Area.** EPA is taking direct final action approving a SIP revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that provides a revised carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance plan and transportation conformity budget for the Philadelphia area. This plan provides for continued maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for CO. In this action, EPA is approving the revised maintenance plan and revised transportation conformity budget for the CO maintenance area. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). This rule is effective on June 3, 2005.



**Ozone Action Kickoff  
& Asthma Awareness  
Month Event  
Tuesday, May 10th**

Shops @ Liberty Place Mall  
1625 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Pennsylvania Releases Guidelines for \$10 million in Aid for Clean Energy Projects**

The newly revitalized Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA) has released guidelines for \$10 million in available financial assistance to build clean energy projects in the Commonwealth. Applicants may seek financial assistance in the form of grants, loans or loan guarantees for a variety of electric power projects including wind, solar, biomass, waste coal and coal gasification, among others. Applied research projects related to electric power also are eligible to apply.

Proposed projects will be evaluated on a variety of criteria, including their ability to promote Pennsylvania's indigenous energy resources, encourage energy diversity and enhance energy security. Projects will be judged on their potential to create jobs and stimulate investment in the Commonwealth. Potential environmental benefits, as well as technical feasibility and cost-effectiveness will also be considered.

PEDA's guidelines are available on the authority's Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us), Keyword: "PEDA."

### **DEP Launches New Rebate Program For Hybrid, Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchases**

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PennDEP) recently unveiled the new Hybrid Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program, which enables residents to apply for a \$500 rebate to assist with the incremental costs of purchasing a new hybrid-electric, bi-fuel, dual-fuel or dedicated alternative fuel vehicle. Hybrid vehicles use less fuel and run cleaner than traditional automobiles, providing both environmental and economic benefits.

To qualify for the \$500 rebate, the automobile must be registered in Pennsylvania and operated primarily within the Commonwealth. The rebate will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the calendar year as long as funds are available.

To claim the new Hybrid Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate, vehicle purchasers must submit a completed form no later than six months after the purchase to: Department of Environmental Protection, HEV-AFV Rebate Program, P.O. Box 8772, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8772.

Include the following information with the rebate form:

- Copy of a valid Pennsylvania vehicle registration. The name appearing on the vehicle registration card must appear on the dealer invoice.
- Copy of the dealer invoice. For alternative fuel vehicles only, the alternative fuel components must be clearly identified.
- Proof of the vehicle purchase.

A rebate will not be issued unless DEP receives all required documentation.

Individuals interested can obtain a rebate form by calling Cleo Arp at DEP at 717-772-8912. The form, along with additional information about the program, also is available at DEP's Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us), Keyword: "Alternative Fuels."

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