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E&E OFFICES SHARE FOCUS ON REDUCTION OF DIESEL EMISSIONS

With its focus on congestion mitigation approaches, it's only natural that the Arkansas Clean Cities Coalition would share in the Arkansas Energy Office's enthusiasm for the Office of Air Quality's Reduce Emissions from Diesels (Go RED!) program.

Funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) State Clean Diesel Grant Program, under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), the Go RED! Program provides funding assistance to eligible public and private entities and nonprofit organizations in Arkansas for projects that reduce diesel emissions. This includes projects that reduce emissions from heavy-duty highway trucks and buses as well as marine, locomotive, and nonroad engines. Office of Air Quality Deputy Associate Director Tricia Treece said, "For more than a decade, our Go RED! program has helped schools, municipalities, and others to reduce emissions through vehicle replacements, repowers, idle reduction technologies, and retrofits. These projects make a difference for our project partners and in the surrounding communities."

Diesel emissions result in increased nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons in the air. These compounds can cause serious health concerns—especially for children, the elderly, and those with respiratory problems. But it's not just human health that is affected. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, emissions from diesel engines also affect our environment, whether that's through the production of ground-level ozone or acid rain. Arkansas Energy Office (AEO) Policy Manager Jason Willey said, "While our office has been focused on the electric vehicle charging opportunities around the state, our counterparts in the Office of Air Quality are also working to reduce the twenty-seven percent of emissions generated from transportation in Arkansas through efforts like the Go RED! program."

According to Treece, the 2022 deadline for Go RED! applications is the last day of each month until all funds are awarded—or April 30, 2022, whichever comes first. For more information about Go RED!, visit www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/gored. If you still have questions, email GoRED@adeq.state.ar.us.

AFS LOCATOR ASSISTS EV DRIVERS

Maintained by the U.S. Department of Energy in association with State Energy Offices and Clean Cities Coalitions like Arkansas Clean Cities, the **Alternative Fueling Station (AFS) Locator** (www.energy.gov/maps/alternative-fueling-station-locator#/find/nearest?country=US) is one of the most reliable sources of information for alternative fuel vehicle owners and operators. Coalitions survey station owners yearly and provide real-time updates to the U.S. Department of Energy about new alternative fuel resources in their area. With the AFS Locator being available on Android and iOS, downloading it to your phone or tablet is easy. If you have an update for the AFS Locator, please email Arkansas Clean Cities Coordinator Jason Willey at jason.willey@adeq.state.ar.us.

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