



# Air Resources Board



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SUBJECT: CARL MOYER PROGRAM ADVISORY 09-001  
VOUCHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY  
VEHICLES

Since 1998, the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program (Carl Moyer Program) has provided grants to encourage the owners of heavy-duty engines to go beyond regulatory requirements by retrofitting, repowering, or replacing their engines with newer and cleaner ones. In 2005, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) adopted revisions to the Carl Moyer Program to incorporate fleet modernization as a funding option for local air pollution control/air quality management districts (Districts) to help replace older, higher-polluting diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner-polluting diesel vehicles.

On December 12, 2008, the Board approved the Statewide Truck and Bus Regulation ("Regulation", ARB Resolution 08-43) assuming that the Carl Moyer Program would provide significant incentive grant funds to help assist small fleets with the impacts of the Regulation, although understanding that the available funds would not cover the full estimated costs of the Regulation. In order to help assist owner-operators, small fleets and Districts, ARB staff developed the Voucher Incentive Program (VIP) by streamlining the existing fleet modernization program for on-road heavy-duty vehicles in order to provide a simplified approach to provide funds to replace older, higher-polluting diesel vehicles with newer, cleaner-polluting diesel vehicles. Some changes to streamline the program include providing application packages that are easy to complete, specific guidelines for districts to use in order to review and approve applications quickly, and reduce the participant and district burden by ensuring emission reductions occur without employing participant contracts.

Attached are the VIP Guidelines (guidelines) that Districts, owner-operators, and small fleet owners shall utilize as a stand-alone document and need not refer to the current Carl Moyer Program guidelines in implementing this program. Districts must follow all VIP guidelines in order to offer vouchers as a funding option. Districts may not set more stringent requirements based upon local priorities. These guidelines provide

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implementation documents in the appendices section that must be used for funding voucher projects and may not be modified (unless otherwise noted). For further information, please contact Mr. Sam Gregor, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 323-0005 or, at [sgregor@arb.ca.gov](mailto:sgregor@arb.ca.gov) .

Sincerely,

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