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Governor Herbert launches the Utah Clean Diesel Trucking Initiative

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert joined Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Utah Trucking Association this morning to announce a clean air initiative made possible by state and federal grants.

The Utah Clean Trucking Initiative will use nearly \$600,000 in state and federal grants to help 15 trucking businesses install anti-idling technology that will reduce diesel fuel consumption while preventing harmful emissions from polluting Utah's air.

“The trucking industry is vital to our economy. Thanks to the partnership efforts we've been able to secure the funding and begin the process of retrofitting long-haul trucks that will result in not only more fuel-efficient vehicles but also improve our air quality,” Governor Herbert said before a crowd of DEQ employees and trucking executives at the state's newest energy-efficient Multi Agency State Office Building which houses DEQ and the Department of Human Services.

The funding includes \$352,941 from the Environmental Protection Agency's State Clean Diesel Grant Program and \$235,294 from DEQ's Division of Air Quality. The money will be spent to purchase the recommended technology – Auxiliary Power Units (APU) – intended to reduce idling and diesel emissions.

“This initiative will go a long way to improving our air quality along the Wasatch Front,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of DEQ. “The APU devices will provide a 70 percent reduction in the harmful particulate pollution that makes it difficult for people to breathe during the winter.”

David Creer, executive director of the Utah Trucking Association, said this initiative, fully funded, will conserve about 887,431 gallons of diesel fuel over the life of the respective fleets.

“This clean air initiative and grant is a powerful message to the over 400 companies we represent to help clean Utah's air,” he said.

For more information on the grant, visit: <http://www.cleandiesel.utah.gov/>

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