







# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **South Coast AQMD Statement on EPA's HD Truck Rule**

*Statement by Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer for South Coast AQMD*

**DIAMOND BAR** – “Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) took a necessary action that will save thousands of lives. By passing the Heavy-Duty Truck Rule, U.S. EPA will significantly cut nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from trucks and reduce air pollution in California and throughout the nation.

While we were hoping for a more stringent standard, we are appreciative of the agency's efforts to take this important step to reduce smog forming emissions from 2027 model trucks as quickly as possible -- reductions we need to meet federal ozone standards.

Clean air is essential. Residents who live, work, and raise their families in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution deserve the ability to take a walk, or let their children play outdoors without the risk of developing asthma or other diseases impacted by air pollution.

South Coast AQMD just passed the most ambitious air pollution reduction plan in its history, which shows that addressing federal sources is needed to reduce ozone. California's economy is the fifth largest in the world and serves as the gateway to the nation for our consumer goods. While trucks are the top source of smog forming pollution, emissions from ships, planes and trains continue to grow unchecked. Zero-emission technology is the future, and we need more funding to accelerate that transition. We look forward to working with U.S. EPA on future actions to reduce emissions from all sectors including prioritizing funding needed to transition to cleaner technologies, especially in our environmental justice communities.”

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