



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Diesel Emissions Identification Program Frequently Asked Questions

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This document is being provided to answer frequently asked questions for construction contractors and subcontractors that are interested in participating in the Diesel Emissions Identification Program (DEIP).

What is the Diesel Emissions Identification Program?

The Diesel Emissions Identification Program (DEIP) is a voluntary emission control labeling program for owners and operators of nonroad construction equipment and onroad concrete mixer trucks and dump trucks.

What is an emission control label?

An emission control label is a DEQ assigned label providing emissions information about the construction equipment or truck engine. The label is placed on the outside of the equipment or truck for easy identification and understanding of how much pollution the engine might be emitting while operating.

Sample label:



For nonroad construction equipment EPA engine tiers are listed first on the label, ranging from tiers 0 through 4. Tier 0 is the most emitting, while tier 4 is the least. The sample label above is for a tier 4 engine, represented by “T4” showing to reflect this.

For onroad equipment this is shown by listing the engine model year on the label. Additional label information can also reflect any retrofit devices installed for particulate matter control or zero or partial zero-emission propulsion systems.

Is there a charge for labels?

No, there is no charge for receiving labels or for participating in the program.

What are some advantages to participating in the program?

Participation in the program provides contractors and subcontractors the opportunity to show their commitment to cleaner construction practices. That commitment can be useful if the fleet is used to meet green construction requirements (LEED buildings, etc.). Participation also provides a method of displaying compliance with clean construction contracting standards that are currently in place for a variety of large public construction projects in the Portland Metropolitan Region.

Additionally, program participation may help improve relationships with neighboring communities and vulnerable populations who can experience increases in noise, pollution and other disruptions associated with large construction projects (including K-12 schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.).

How can I participate in the program?

To participate simply fill out the registration form and submit an application report. Your application must include documentation of the equipment and/or vehicles that you would like to have labeled such as excavators, loaders, and dump trucks. Once an application is approved and labels are mailed out, program participants should affix labels to the corresponding equipment and/or vehicles so that the labels are visible from a distance.

Is there a minimum or maximum amount of equipment or vehicles that have to be labeled in order to participate?

There is currently no minimum or maximum amount of equipment or vehicles that need to be labeled in order to participate in the program.

If I participate in the program, can I choose to opt-out at a later date?

There is no minimum amount of time for program participation. This program is voluntary, and you can choose to opt-out at any time.

Do the labels have an expiration date?

No, the labels do not have an expiration date. However, they are subject to normal wear and tear and may need to be replaced over time. Please contact the program for replacement labels due to normal wear and tear or unexpected damage that renders any label illegible.

Should I let DEQ know when equipment or vehicles labeled under this program are retrofitted with pollution control devices or repowered with cleaner engines?

Yes, to ensure that the label on each piece of equipment or vehicle is accurate, please contact Diesel.Emissions@deq.oregon.gov to report if the engine you have a label for is being replaced with a higher tier engine (also known as repowered) or if you are adding

pollution control retrofits. The program will issue you a set of updated replacement labels to match the new engine or emissions profile for the equipment or vehicle.

What are general fleet designation standards?

The general fleet designation standards are fleet level designations an active participant in the program can choose to opt-into. There are three standards for participating fleets: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The standards reflect the percentage of tier 4 or better and/or retrofitted nonroad equipment of a fleet, in addition to the percentage of onroad vehicles with engines that are model year 2010 or newer.

How will people know that I have a general fleet designation if I opt-in?

Once you are given a general fleet designation from the DEIP, you will receive signage that outlines the designation from DEQ. You may display the sign either at your place of business or at the site of construction projects that the designated fleet is used on. Also, your business will be listed by its designation at DEQ's DEIP [webpage](#).

Can I submit a reporting form or template that I use from another government entity or agency to report to DEQ the fleet that I'd like to have labeled?

As of now, DEQ will accept the Excel reporting template that is used for reporting project fleets to the Portland regional Clean Air Construction Program. DEQ will also accept the joint ODOT-DEQ Fleet Reporting Form (or "Fleet Form") for project fleets through contracts that require compliance with ODOT's Clean Diesel Construction Standard. DEQ is accepting these alternative reporting forms as a way to minimize the time contractors and subcontractors spend on administrative tasks.

What are the periodic reporting requirements?

Periodic reporting from program participants is needed to make sure that the labels remain accurate. After receiving labels for equipment and vehicles, quarterly reporting is required for any engine changes, such as adding pollution control retrofit devices or replacements (known as repowers). For fleets that have general fleet designations, any changes to the fleet will need to be reported to maintain the accuracy of the designation, such as equipment and vehicles being added or removed, or replacements of equipment and vehicles in the fleet.

For contractors that submit the joint ODOT-DEQ Fleet Reporting Form (or "Fleet Form") to ODOT on a monthly basis, you may use the past three months of reports submitted to ODOT with all of the optional fields filled in for DEQ unless otherwise specified on the form.

What if I don't have any changes to my fleet to report?

If you do not have any changes to your fleet to report, you can simply submit a quarterly reporting waiver form provided by the DEIP that states that there are no changes. You can do this for up to three consecutive quarters. Then a report is due.

Still have questions? Please contact the program at diesel.emissions@deq.oregon.gov

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