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# California's Diesel Control Program and its Black Carbon Co-benefits

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# Many Areas of State Do Not Meet Federal Air Quality Standards



# Diesel trucks are largest mobile source



2010 Mobile Source Emissions

#### **Progress in Reducing Ambient PM2.5 Pollution**

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#### California's Success in Reducing PM<sub>2.5</sub> Pollution

California has made remarkable progress in reducing fine particle pollution in the nation's mos challenging nonattainment regions, the South Coast Air Basin and the San Joaquin Valley. This article outlines the state's success.

California's major urban areas is shown in Table 1.

Since 2000, annual concentrations of fine particu- atmospheric mix, and California's emission control late matter (i.e., particles less than 2.5 micrometers programs have successfully targeted the most sigin diameter or PM2.5) have dropped approximately nificant emission sources. While PM2.5 attainment 50% in the South Coast Air Basin (SC) and the San strategies have varied somewhat in different loca-Joaquin Valley (SIV) and both regions are expected tions, the major strategies have included Califorto attain the annual standard of 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup> by the nia's longstanding oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) control 2014 deadline. Compliance with the 24-hr standard programs; statewide fleet rules to reduce both of 35 µg/m<sup>2</sup> is projected in SIV by the 2019 dead- NO<sub>k</sub> and PM from desel engines; the phase-out of line and in SC by 2014. The downward trend in most open burning; and the implementation of the peak annual average PM2.5 concentration in episodic controls for residential wood-burning.

issue (page 6), particles are a complex and variable (CARB), and a variety of state and regional incentive

Implementation of the diesel fleet regulations As noted in John Bachmann's introduction to this adopted by the California Air Resources Board



- Since 2000, annual PM2.5 has dropped by 50% in the South Coast Air Basin and the San Joaquin Valley
- Both region will attain annual 15  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> and 24-hr 35  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> standards by 2014 and 2019 deadlines
  - Diesel fleet regulations and state and regional incentives are rapidly cleaning up fleet
- These actions are most significant strategy for attainment demonstration

#### Climate Pollutant Emissions (2010)



# Anthropogenic Black Carbon Sources (excluding wildfires and biogenic)





# California Actions on Short-lived Climate Forcers

- Black Carbon
  - Diesel engine controls, Advanced Clean Cars, burning restrictions
- Methane
  - Landfill controls, oil and gas regulations, dairy digester offset protocol
- Hydrofluorocarbons
  - Refrigerant Management Program, Advanced Clean Cars, other regulations

# **Global Warming Potential for Selected Greenhouse Gases\***

Pollutant	SLCP	Global Warming Potential (20-year)	Global Warming Potential (100-year)*
Carbon dioxide		1	1
Methane	Yes	72	25
Nitrous oxide		289	298
Sulfur hexafluoride		16,300	22,800
Hydrofluorocarbons	Yes	437 – 6,350	124 – 4,470
Perfluorocarbons		5,210 – 8,630	7,390 – 12,200
Black carbon	Yes	3,200	900
Nitrogen trifluoride		12,300	17,200

\*The 20 and 100-year global warming potential estimates are from the IPCC 2007 Fourth Assessment review, except for the black carbon global warming potential estimate, which is based on a major scientific assessment of the black carbon radiative forcing published early this year (*Bond et al.*).

# **BC fraction in PM vehicle emissions**

#### **Gasoline Car**

**Diesel Truck** 



Sources: CARB's Phase II HDV emissions study, Ricardo/UK; Li, et.al., SAE Tech. Paper 2006-01-1076

#### **California Tailpipe PM Standards** (passenger cars, light trucks < 8,500 lbs. GVW)



Gasoline vehicles subject to PM standard beginning in 2004

# **Reducing Diesel PM is a Public Health Priority**

- 1998 identification as Toxic air contaminant
- 2000 Diesel Risk Reduction Plan
  - Reduce cancer risk by 85% by 2020
  - 2007 new engine standards
  - Clean fuel standards
  - In-use controls (retrofits/re-power)
  - Anti-idling
  - Public investment incentives ~ \$100s of millions/year
  - Enforcement
- Mitigate other health impacts
  - Hospital admissions
  - Asthma rates
  - Acute bronchitis
  - Work days lost
- Children/elderly most vulnerable

Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles





Stationary Source Division Mobile Source Control Division

October 2000

# **In-Use Diesel Regulations**

Urban Buses (2000) Garbage Trucks (2003) Stationary Engines (2004) Transport Refrigeration Units (2004) Portable Engines (2004) Transit Fleet Vehicles (2005) Public Fleets & Utilities (2005) Cargo Handling Equipment (2005)

Drayage Trucks (2007) Off-Road Vehicles (2007) Trucks and Buses (2008) Tractor-Trailer GHG (2008) Agricultural Tractors and Equipment (under development)



# Freight Transport Today: Contribution to Statewide Emissions



# **Adopted ARB Freight Regulations**

- ✓ Cleaner diesel fuel rules
- ✓ Statewide truck rules
- ✓ Port and railyard truck rule
- ✓ Truck/trailer efficiency rule
- ✓ Truck idling and refrigeration unit rules
- ✓ Ship fuel and shore power rules
- ✓ Harbor craft rules
- ✓ Cargo equipment rule
- ✓ Locomotive/rail yard agreements

# **California's Diesel Program**



#### **PM Benefits Already Realized by T&B Regulation**



#### Significant NOx Benefits from Replacements



#### Black Carbon Emission Reductions from Trucks Operating at Port of Oakland



Dallmann et al. (2011) Environmental Science & Technology, 45, 10773-10779

#### Black Carbon and the Regional Climate of California

- First regional assessment of climate impact of BC
- Based on modeling and observational data (aircraft, satellite, ground monitors)
- Ramanathan et al.
- 3-year study
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- University of California at San Diego
- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
- Pacific Northwest National Lab

Final report: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/single-project.php?row\_id=64841">www.arb.ca.gov/research/single-project.php?row\_id=64841</a>

Press release: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/newsrelease.php?id=444">www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/newsrelease.php?id=444</a>

#### Climate Forcing from BC and BrC (annual mean of 2001 to 2010)



#### **Major Findings: Detection**

- Statewide BC concentrations in California have decreased from 0.46 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 1989 to 0.24 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2008 (about 50% reduction)
- Fossil fuel and diesel emissions show a corresponding 50% reduction
- This trend extends further back a decrease of 72% from 1960s to 2000
- The negative trend is still continuing

## **Major Findings: Attribution**

- BC has decreased even though total fuel consumption has steadily increased
- BC trend is consistent with diesel BC emission trend
- Lack of similar trends in other aerosols indicates: negative trend in BC is not due to meteorology
- Clean-up attributed to reduced tailpipe emissions, improved engines, and low-sulfur fuel as mandated by State policies

Large negative trends in BC and lack of corresponding negative trends in co-emitted cooling aerosols gives compelling observational evidence that mitigation of diesel BC would be effective in mitigating global warming as inferred by modeling studies (e.g., Jacobson, 2010; Bond et al., 2013)

### Brown Carbon\*: Another Climate Warming Pollutant?

- Brown Carbon adds significant amount to Black Carbon heating
  - The direct warming effect of brown carbon, ignored in most models, offsets about 60% to 90% of the direct cooling effects of other organic carbon aerosols
- Bottom-up emission models, including regional models, underestimate the heating of the atmosphere by Black Carbon and Brown Carbon by a factor of about 3

\*Produced in lower temperature smoldering combustion from fuel containing biomass and likely from secondary organics from fossil fuels (*polycyclic aromatics, tarballs, organonitrates, and likely many others*)

#### Co-Benefit of Diesel Black Carbon Reduction to Climate Change Mitigation

### California's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2009): 393 MMT/yr

- Black carbon contributes to both air pollution health and climate change problems
- California diesel control program effective in reducing black carbon
  - 90% reduction observed over past 45 years
  - 95% control expected by 2020
- California diesel control program provided significant climate co-benefits
  - 21-50 MMTCO2e/year in 2008 (compared to 1989)

#### Going forward on short-lived climate forcers

- ARB is taking additional action
- Exploring additional emission reductions prior to 2020
- Short-lived climate pollution strategy by 2016
  - Inventories
  - Sources and emissions
  - Research needs
  - Plan for control measures

Climate Change Scoping Plan First Update

Discussion Draft for Public Review and Comment

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