

## **Draft Recommendations of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee to Fund Projects that Reduce Pollution, Create Jobs and Facilitate the Transition to a Sustainable Economy**

### **(1) Legacy Sources**

The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) examined how to cost-effectively reduce air pollution, create jobs and improve health by buying back or retrofitting old, high emitting sources (legacy sources). Based on the success of California's Carl Moyer Program and the Texas TERP Program, we recommend the establishment of a national fund to encourage the buy back or retrofit of legacy sources to reduce air pollution (including criteria, hazardous and other air pollutants). Legacy sources most appropriate for funding consideration include sources such as old, high emitting lawn and garden equipment, diesel trucks, and smaller stationary sources (e.g., generators, small boilers, wood stoves, etc.). This fund, along with other federal, state and local measures (including regulation), can rapidly reduce legacy source pollution, benefit disadvantaged communities, and create jobs manufacturing the replacement or retrofit equipment. Legacy programs have proven to be cost-effective and should be expanded to a national level.

### **(2) Economic Stimulus**

As a guiding principle, we recommend that projects chosen for funding minimize the impact to the environment by improving air quality and reducing pollution in other environmental media to the extent possible. Projects undertaken should support the development and use of low emitting and advanced technologies and include strategies to reduce, reuse and recycle materials to maximize environmental benefits and encourage the transition to a sustainable economy. For example, in connection with infrastructure

and other funded projects, the use of well-controlled construction equipment, recycled materials, energy efficiency measures and appropriate site selection should be encouraged.