Proposed Amendments to the Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection Program and the Periodic Smoke Inspection Program

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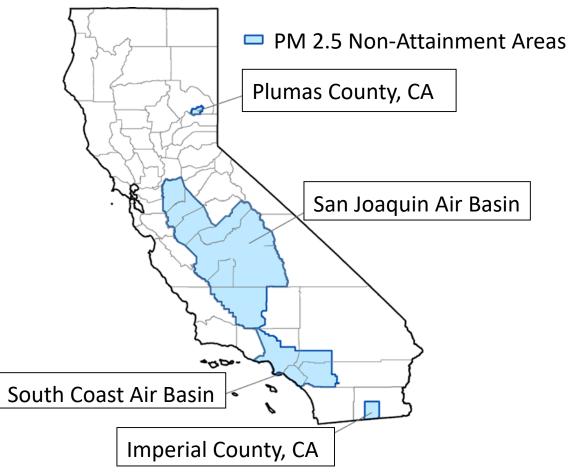
# **Presentation Outline**

## Background

- Review of Current Smoke Inspection Program Requirements
- Proposed Changes
- Recommendation

## **Particulate Matter Pollution in California**

#### PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Areas in California



- South Coast and San Joaquin Valley record some of the nation's highest PM2.5 levels
- Heavy-duty vehicles represent about 26% of statewide diesel PM 2.5 emissions
- Diesel PM is a toxic air contaminant known to cause cancer

## **Impacts of Black Carbon**

- Reducing diesel PM also has climate benefits
- Black carbon is a component of diesel PM
  - Makes up ~15% of diesel PM from HD vehicles
- Black carbon absorbs solar radiation and warms atmosphere
  - Thousands of times as potent as carbon dioxide

# Significant Steps Taken To Reduce PM Emissions from the HD Sector

- Tighter PM Certification Standards
  - Over a 97% reduction over the last 20 years
  - All 2007+ MY engines come equipped with diesel particulate filters (DPFs)
- Fleet Rules and Retrofit Requirements
  - Truck and Bus Rule
    - Requires retrofit of DPFs on 2006 and older trucks
    - Turnover to 2010+ engines by 2023
- Nearly all diesel vehicles operating in CA now have a DPF

## **Emissions Control Systems**

- Emissions control systems are highly effective when properly maintained
- Malfunctioning systems
  - Engine problems can lead to excess engine-out PM
  - Backpressure buildup can lead to cracking of the DPF substrate if not addressed

#### Well Maintained DPF

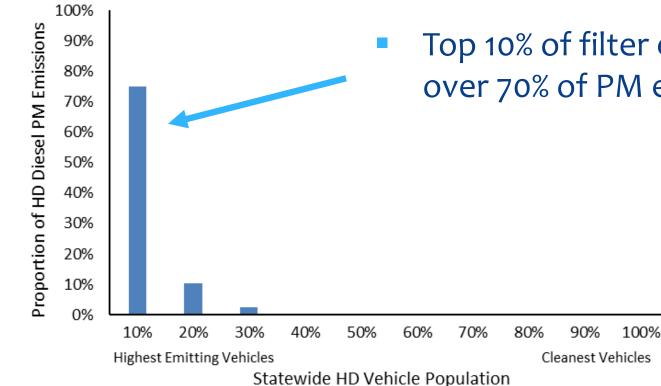
#### **Damaged DPF**





## **High Emitter Problem**

#### **PM Emissions from Filter Equipped Vehicles**



Top 10% of filter equipped vehicles are responsible for over 70% of PM emissions

 Timely repair is vital to reducing PM emissions from HD vehicle sector

## **Current On-Road HD Smoke Inspection Programs**

### HDVIP

 Roadside inspections by CARB enforcement staff for excessive smoke and tampering

### PSIP

- Annual self-testing for California fleets of 2 or more vehicles
- Current Opacity Limits
  - 1991 Model Year and Newer Engines: 40% Opacity
  - Pre-1991 Model Year Engine: 55% Opacity



# **Updates to the HDVIP/PSIP Regulations Needed**

- Current opacity limits are too high to detect malfunctioning emission control systems
- HD vehicles equipped with a properly functioning DPF measure at near-zero opacity levels



## **Proposed Amendments to the HDVIP/PSIP**

- Lower Opacity Limits for both HDVIP & PSIP
- PSIP Smoke Tester Training Requirements
- PSIP Reporting Requirements
- Voluntary OBD Data Submittal in lieu of the annual PSIP smoke testing requirements
- Proposed Testing Upon Vehicle Sale

## **Proposed Lower Opacity Limits**

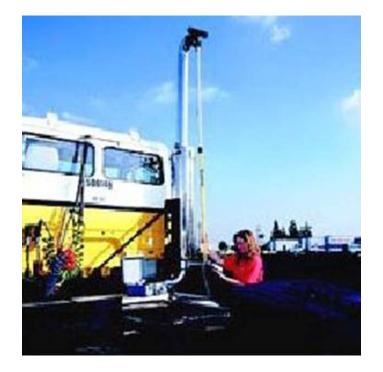


- DPF-equipped vehicles:
  - 5% opacity

- Non DPF-equipped vehicles:
  - 20% 40% opacity depending on model year and technology

# **Smoke Tester Training Requirements**

- Commercial PSIP Smoke Testers
  - Successful completion of the CCDET HDVIP/PSIP training course, or
  - Any other CARB approved training course
- Direct Employees of the Fleet
  - Complete online training course through the CARB website, or
  - Complete any of the options available to commercial smoke testers



## **PSIP Reporting Requirements**

### Current Requirements:

- Keep records of annual opacity testing for 2 years
- Present records upon audit by CARB

### Proposed Changes:

 Starting in 2023, electronically report and upload annual opacity test results

## **PSIP Voluntary OBD Submittal**

- Fleets can choose to submit a vehicle's OBD data to CARB in lieu of performing annual PSIP smoke opacity test
  - Applicable to OBD-Equipped (2013 Model Year and Newer) Engines
    - OBD monitors vehicle components that can affect emissions and illuminates when there is a problem
    - OBD can detect an upstream issue before it causes catastrophic damage to the DPF
  - Vehicles with PM related fault codes would need to undergo repairs to clear the codes



# Testing Upon Vehicle Sale & Proposed 15 Day Changes

- Seller must complete opacity test within 90 days prior to sale
  - Proposed 15-day changes to exempt certain sales:
    - To brokers/dealerships
    - Out-of-state
    - For vehicle salvage
    - From a lessor to lessee
- Proposed 15-day change to exempt military tactical vehicles from HDVIP and PSIP

## **Estimated Cost and Economic Impacts**

- Majority of costs arise from repairs
  - ~9% of heavy-duty vehicles operate above the proposed opacity limits
  - Estimated repair costs of ~\$3,200 to \$7,400 per non-compliant vehicle
- Total regulatory cost ~\$220 million between 2019 and 2025
- No significant impact to the economy



## **Projected PM Emission Benefits**

- 1,170 tons of PM reduced between 2019 and 2025
- South Coast Air Basin and San Joaquin Valley Air Basin projected to see greatest emissions reductions
- PM emissions reductions greatest in disadvantaged communities near major trucking arteries
- Cost Effectiveness: -\*\*93/lb of PM

Statewide PM Emission Benefits	
Year	Tons PM/Day
2019	0.55

Health Benefits		
Premature Deaths Avoided	134	
Hospitalizations Avoided	18	
ER Visits Avoided	56	

## Recommendation

- Approve staff's proposal with 15-day changes:
  - Lower opacity limits
  - Smoke tester training requirements
  - PSIP reporting requirements
  - Voluntary OBD testing in lieu of the annual PSIP smoke test
  - Proposed Testing Upon Vehicle Sale (with 15-day changes)