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South Coast AQMD Statement on EPA's Proposed Heavy-Duty Truck Rule

Statement by Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer for South Coast AQMD

"Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) took a major step that will significantly cut nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from trucks and reduce air pollution in California and throughout the nation. This action has been a long time coming and is sorely overdue.

This is the first step by U.S. EPA towards reducing the smog-forming emissions from trucks that we need to meet federal ozone standards. California's economy is the fifth largest in the world and serves as the gateway to the nation for our consumer goods. Yet, when it comes to the ships, trucks, planes and trains that support goods movement, the federal government is largely responsible for the rules that directly impact our ability to meet air quality standards and protect the health of our communities.

We urge U.S. EPA to move quickly on finalizing the most stringent version of this plan by the end of this year that is more in line with the stronger standards already set by California. One that will provide the most benefits by 2027, not 2031.

We owe it to our communities. We owe it to the thousands of children who deserve to grow up with clean air. We owe it to the thousands of people that will visit the emergency rooms due to asthma, respiratory and heart diseases that are fueled by air pollution.

We look forward to working with EPA on the proposed heavy-duty truck rule and any future actions that can additionally reduce pollution from ships, planes and trains. It's the only way to ensure a future where clean air and healthier communities can become a reality."

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