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MDEQ announces grant to reduce diesel pollution in Wayne County

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) recently announced a \$213,310 grant to Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision to help reduce pollution from diesel emissions in Southeast Michigan specifically in Wayne County.

Founded in 1992, SDEV is a nonprofit organization dedicated to working with Southwest Detroit, Dearborn, and other Southeast Michigan residents, businesses and local governments to improve air quality and combat blight. This year, the agency will partner with H&P Transportation of Riverview, and National Industrial Maintenance of Dearborn, to remove three highly polluting trucks from the road and replace them with three new vehicles that meet or perform better than the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emission standards.

“We at the SDEV Project are very proud of our work to reduce diesel emissions for residents,” says Kathy Stott, SDEV Executive Director. “As a result of our work the past several years, more than 27,500 tons of diesel pollution have been reduced – that is an amazing community impact.”

The MDEQ’s Clean Diesel Program is one way to ensure better air quality for residents in Detroit and across Michigan. It focuses on reducing diesel emissions in highly populated areas and helps to expand awareness of the health and environmental benefits of pollution prevention strategies that reduce diesel emissions.

“Our Detroit air monitoring data show great improvements in the overall air quality in Detroit since the 1970s, but more improvement is needed,” says Lynn Fiedler, MDEQ’s Air Quality Division Director. “Older diesel engines emit more air pollutants than new diesel engines, and can cause and aggravate diseases of the heart and lungs. This grant is another step toward better air quality in Detroit.”

To learn more about the Michigan Clean Diesel Program, visit:

www.michigan.gov/deqcleandiesel or www.sdevweb.org/programs-and-services/clean-diesel-program.