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### **Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grants Information Session for School Districts and Equipment Vendors**

On Tuesday, January 24, 2006, the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) will be hosting the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for a diesel school bus retrofit grants information session. This will be an informal, question-and-answer session to assist school districts interested in applying for grants to reduce diesel emissions from their school bus fleets.

Under Ohio's 2006-2007 budget bill, a new grant program was created to help school districts retrofit their diesel school buses with pollution control equipment and use cleaner fuels to reduce emissions.

Grants will be funded from civil penalties Ohio EPA collects from environmental violations. The Agency expects to have as much as \$1 million available to distribute statewide during 2006-2007. Grant application deadlines will be March 1 and September 1, 2006.

Please **pre-register** by contacting Marie Barnett at (614) 644-2873 or [marie.barnett@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:marie.barnett@epa.state.oh.us).

#### **Session Details**

Date: January 24, 2006

Time: 9am – 11am

Place: 117 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio (Reibold Building)

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