A Model Law

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Background and Purpose

• Currently >25 S/L have some form of Idling law
• Vary Greatly
• Compliance Difficult-lack of Uniformity
• What is a “good” idling law – S/L asked?
• Generated Idea for model law for interested parties
• Attempt to bring consistency/easier compliance
• EPA hosted 5 workshops
  – Baltimore, MD May 6
  – Atlanta, GA June 16-17
  – Chicago, IL June 28
  – San Francisco, CA July 14
  – Hartford, CT July 26
Process…

• The five meetings included:
  – 200 representatives from 36 State/local environmental and transportation agencies and
  – 35 trucking companies
  – 13 state trucking associations
  – 44 other organizations (including NGO’s, equipment suppliers and other associations)
• In the last 2 workshops- draft model presented to participants for discussion.
• The draft was prepared based on input from first 3 meetings.
• Topics discussed included:
  – Law applicability
  – General idling time limits
  – Required exemptions
  – Penalties
  – Enforcement
  – Public outreach/education
Preliminary Results

- Agreement reach between industry and government
  - Need for general idling time limit
  - Certain exemptions (traffic, adverse weather, emergency vehicles, maintenance, inspections, power take-off and armored cars)
- Partial Agreement reached on:
  - Need for bus exemptions, sleepier berths, trucks loading and unloading
Preliminary Results...

- Various Opinions presented on appropriate level of penalties
- Mostly Universal Agreement that temperature based exemptions are not practical
- Significant Discussion on Exemptions in general- law versus “common sense”
Next Steps

- Distribute Working Draft to all EPA Regions for review/comment
- Publish Working Draft in Federal Register for comment by Interested Party - Fall 2005
- Incorporate Comments-final version of Model Law
- Publish Report containing Model Law and relevant background and explanatory materials
- Conduct outreach activities aimed at getting word out to S/I on the availability and benefits
For More Information…

- On this SmartWay Transport Effort;
  [www.epa.gov/smartways](http://www.epa.gov/smartways)
- and stayed tuned for more information.