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DEQ receives more than \$295,000 from EPA Clean Diesel grant

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana received a grant of \$295,320 to retrofit two of the state’s ferry boats to minimize their contribution to air pollution.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality’s Clean Diesel grant from The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be used to help reduce diesel emissions.

DEQ will be working with the Department of Transportation and Development to retrofit the engines of two ferries in the DOTD fleet, the M/V Acadia, which normally operates at the Plaquemine crossing and M/V St. Francisville, which operates at the St Francisville/New Roads crossing. This effort will help reduce emissions and help improve air quality.

“This grant from EPA illustrates the cooperative effort between federal and state partners to reduce pollution and improve air quality and the environment,” said Paul Miller, DEQ Assistant Secretary. “DEQ will be working with DOTD to help reduce emissions by retrofitting engines in Louisiana’s ferry fleet. This kind of cooperation between agencies and the federal government is a step forward in improving air quality.”

“This is a welcomed source of funding for our Ferry Section,” said DOTD Assistant Secretary of Operations Gordon Nelson “This grant will not only assist us in providing new engines for two vessels in our fleet, but will provide a source of power that is cleaner and better for our environment.”

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