

[Air district has \\$15M for trucks](#)



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(AP) — The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District has \$15 million to help heavy-duty diesel truck owners replace their small fleets with cleaner models.

The program is part of the state Air Resources Board's plan to reduce truck and bus emissions and meet federal air-quality standards.

The program targets trucks built in 1993 and earlier that are operated 75 percent of the time in California.

District officials say they do not have to be based in the San Joaquin Valley to qualify for the funds, but they must have logged at least 30,000 miles the past two years or consumed 4,700 gallons of fuel.

The grants are for up to \$35,000, depending upon the age of the truck, and are made first-come, first served. The old trucks must be destroyed.

The program is part of the state's overall diesel emission reduction plan started in 2000. In December, the board adopted a statewide mandate for diesel buses and trucks to meet emissions reduction. Transportation industry officials contend the mandate would cost billions of dollars, with the extra cost to be realized by consumers in higher prices for goods.