Verify Project Update

Light-Duty Cars and Trucks





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Agenda

- Verify Project Status Update
- Preview of Verify Release 2
- Manufacturer Involvement
- Next Steps

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Project Objectives

- Implement new regulations
- Integrate all compliance databases to achieve efficiencies (includes CFEIS replacement along with replacements for HD/NR/LD database systems, as well as administrative compliance systems, such as Fees)
- Create a secure infrastructure for electronic collection of data and documents
- Support reengineered and streamlined compliance processes
- Partner with CARB to harmonize data

Project Status

- Reengineered and streamlined the compliance processes and information needs for all industries
- Developing web-based manufacturer interface for data/documents
- Developed a prototype of the new system (architecture and functionalities)

- Established certification data requirements for
 - MC/ATV
 - locomotive (EPA-only)
 - HD on-hwy in-use (under negotiation)
- Completing Web-based database application for
 - MC/ATV certification
 - Request for Manufacture Code
 - Manufacturer Information
 - Document Submittal System (EPA only)
 - Request for certificate (EPA MC/ATV only)

Upcoming Releases

Release	Description	Timing
2	Motorcycle/ATV Certification Common Services – document submissions, request for mfr code, mfr profiles, and certificate request	Fall 2005
3a	Heavy Duty In-Use (pilot) – batch submittal of data only	Winter 2005
3b	Locomotive Certification	Late Spring 2006
3c	Heavy Duty In-Use Web screens	Late Summer 2006
4	Light-duty Certification, Fuel Economy, and Confirmatory Test.	Summer 2006 (pilot)

Manufacturer Desires

- Harmonization between EPA's light-duty and heavy-duty programs, along with California's Air Resource Board
- Involvement in the definition, design, and testing processes
- Secured data transmission through the internet
- Both batch and interactive capabilities
- Simplify

EPA and CARB Coordination

- Project Coordination
 - Frequent conference calls and meetings
 - Compliance harmonization activities
- General Partnership Agreement
 - Focused on data harmonization
 - Aiming for one-stop data submission
- Ongoing Challenges
 - Differences in business practices
 - Prioritizing deadlines & commitments

Data Security

- Web submittals (interactive and batch file upload)
 - Verify interface utilizes secured HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTPS) for registered users to send through the CDX
 - EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) Verify interface utilizes web services and Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption to transmit and receive information
- Machine-to-machine (batch file upload)
 - Mfrs will acquire Exchange Network user id
 - The Network Authentication and Authorization services (NAAS) will securely authenticate the node
 - Mfr will use web services and SSL encryption to transmit and receive information

Preview of Verify Release 2.0 (in testing)

- Request for Manufacturer Code
- Maintenance of Manufacturer Information
- Submission of Documents (including document naming convention)
- Motorcycle/ATV Certification V 2.0
- Request for Certificate

Request for Manufacturer Code

- New manufacturers will be able to request a new manufacturer code through the web
- Notification of manufacturer code approval or denial will be made electronically

Manufacturer Information

 Manufacturers will be responsible for maintaining their own company and contact information through a web interface

 Helps to ensure timely turnaround of certificates and communications

Preview of Verify Release 2.0 - Demo

- Request for Mfr Code
- Maintain Mfr Information

Submission of Documents California ARB

- The California Air Resource Board (ARB) is implementing a new Document Management System (DMS) for handling PDF, Word, Excel and other type submittals
- The installation date is today, Tuesday Sept. 13th
- The off-the-shelf software for this DMS is OpenEDMS by Altima

CARB DMS Key Features

- Web interface
- No client-side software
- Improved file system organization
- Private manufacturer directories
- Documents uploaded in specified folders
- File metadata incorporated to facilitate identification of documents
- Comments added with special indications or notes

- Automatic notification to staff upon submission of application or document
- Related documents can be linked
- Automatic or manual submission of documents
- Manufacturers informed electronically or by telephone of omissions
- Redaction capability
- Electronic version control

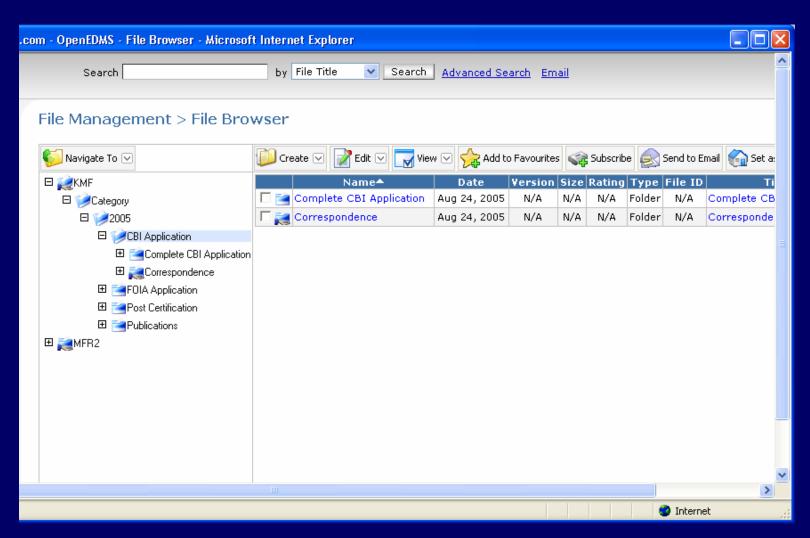
CARB DMS Security Features

- Registered users with a secure password and valid login ID can access or upload documents into the DMS over the internet from any of the following browsers: Internet Explorer 6+, Netscape Navigator 7+, Mozilla, and Firefox
- Access Control List (ACL)
- Secure network communications uses Secure Socket Layer protocol (SSL)
- Digital Signature/Certificate

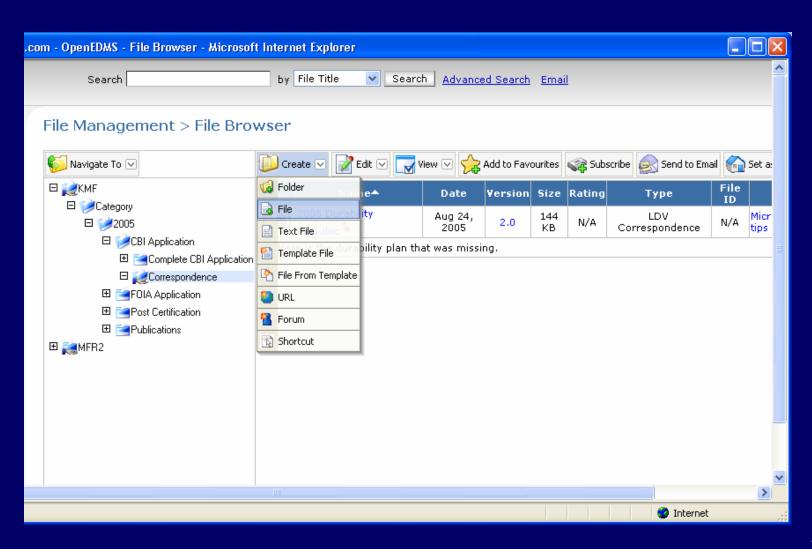
Benefits of new CARB DMS

- Manufacturers will save paper, postage, and time by submitting the documents in electronically
- Documents will be stored securely in the State repository
- The state will reduce paper storage space and improve access to the information to help expedite review

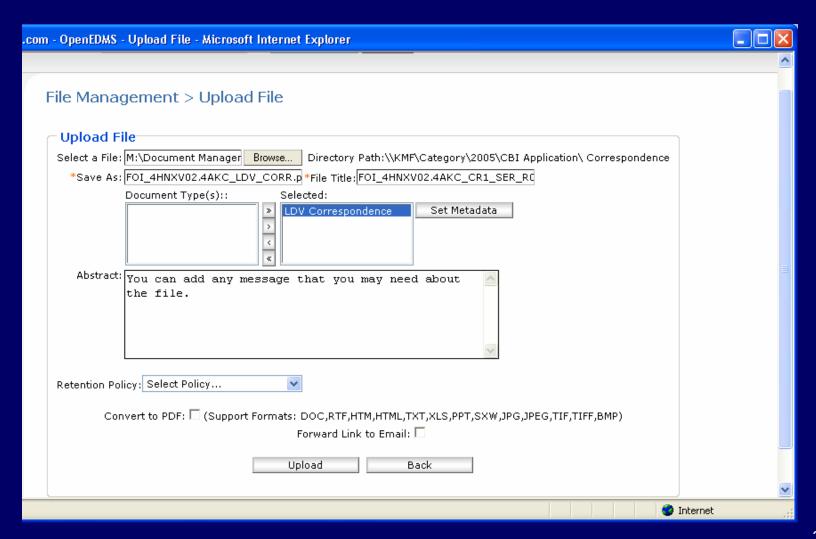
CARB DMS Screens



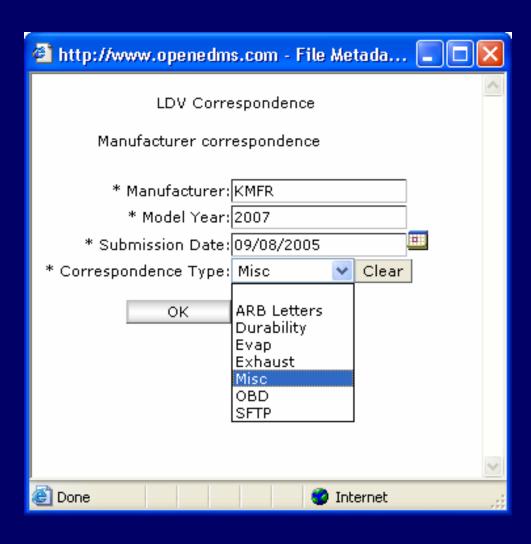
CARB DMS Screens



CARB DMS File Upload



CARB DMS Metadata Entry



Submission of Documents Verify (EPA-Only)

- Mfrs will submit all EPA compliance documents electronically to Verify's document module
- Documents can be submitted via:
 - Web interactive submissions
 - Machine to machine
- Each document must be accompanied by metadata that describes the document
 - Similar to current Electronic Applications in CFEIS (EAP)
- Allows for two file formats of the same document to be sent simultaneously (e.g., MS Word, PDF)
 - With only one set of metadata

EPA Document System: Key Features

- Document Metadata and File Name will be used to identify whether a document is CBI
- File Names, Titles, and Abstracts will be system-generated from metadata in a future release
- Updated versions of a document will be tracked by a revision number in the document's file name
- Compliance and Innovative Strategies Division (CISD) staff will be notified upon submission of manufacturer-documents requiring EPA approval
- CISD will be able to link related documents submitted by manufacturers and/or CISD
 - For example: Certification Preview meeting materials can be linked with CISD's meeting minutes and list of attendees

Preview Verify Release 2.0 - Demo

File and Document Submissions

Motorcycle/ATV Certification V 2.0

- Harmonized CARB and EPA Data Elements
- Interactive Web screens available, data set can be saved on desktop until submittal time
- Qualifying questions display only necessary field on web

Request for Certificate (EPA-Only)

- Initiates the EPA review process
- Asks qualifying questions to determine if one is truly are ready to certify
- Automatic certificate generation process, if available

Preview Verify Release 2.0 - Demo

- Motorcycle/ATV Certification
- Request for Certificates

Manufacturer Involvement

- We have completed and will give you all of the EPA process models (Certification, Confirmatory Test, Fuel Economy, In-Use)
- We will distribute you drafts of data requirements for comments as they become available
- We will offer previews of designs before finalizing
- We are prepared to discuss with manufacturers connectivity and security issues, and to test connectivity
- We need manufacturers to be involved in the testing of the system

Next Steps

- EPA will provide the latest versions of process models, along with confirmatory test and EPA document data requirements through web on 9/19/2005. Please comment on data requirements by 10/3/2005.
- Send comments to <u>ccdit@epa.gov</u>
- Fuel Economy and Certification data requirements will follow
- Contact us if you are ready to work with us on connectivity issues