



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

To all interested government agencies, public groups, and individuals:

In accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6), EPA has completed an environmental review of the following proposed action:

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Grants Program

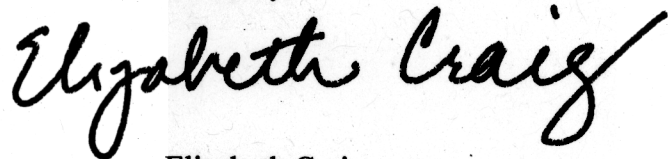
In response to the Diesel Emissions Reduction (DERA) program, authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, EPA developed the proposed action which includes four grant and funding programs under the National Clean Diesel Campaign (NCDC) to build on the success of its regulatory and voluntary efforts to reduce emissions from diesel engines. Through this effort, EPA is working to reduce the pollution emitted from the existing fleet by promoting a variety of cost-effective and innovative emission reduction strategies.

The purpose of this action is to reduce current diesel emissions which have adverse impacts to air quality and public health. Through the programs established by implementing DERA, EPA will continue to award grants and loans to assist its eligible partners in building diesel emission reduction programs across the country to achieve public health goals. Retrofitting diesel engines currently in use will allow significant and immediate emission reductions from diesel engines that would not otherwise be addressed.

The environmental review process, which is documented by the enclosed Environmental Assessment, indicates that no potential significant adverse environmental impacts are anticipated from the proposed action. On the basis of the environmental review determination that the DERA Grants program will not result in any significant environmental impacts, I am issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document this determination.

Comments regarding my preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration to the attention of Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mail Code 6101A, Washington, D.C. 20460. After evaluating any comments received, the EPA will make a final decision. The preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Craig
Acting Assistant Administrator

Enclosure