NEDC Two-Year Priorities

- Funding
- Relationships and Projects with DOTs and MPOs
- Regional Demonstration Project
- Construction, Ports/Marine, Rail Sectors
- Mandatory Measures
- Data and Inventories
NEDC Organization

- Steering Committee
  - Funding Task Force
  - DOT/MPO Task Force
  - Mandatory Measures Task Force
- Ports Workgroup
Recent Accomplishments

- **Secured Regional Retrofit Projects**
  - Multi-state utility truck retrofit
  - Bi-state ferry project
  - Full fleet locomotive engine upgrade (operating in 4 states)

- **Started Demonstration Projects**
  - VT AOT retrofitting own vehicles
  - MBTA commuter rail testing DOC on locomotive
Recent Accomplishments

- **Started New Projects**
  - App. 15 vehicles, engines at wastewater plant in Camden ($210,000 SEP)
  - All vehicles, equipment owned by SJPC in Camden ($250,000 EPA CARE grant, $500,000 NJ DEP)
  - Two additional SEP projects (app. $4 m) not yet public

- **Funded $1.4 m in New Projects** (EPA grants announced soon)
Recent Accomplishments

- **Secured New State & Local Measures**
  - MA will spend $22.5m to retrofit all public transit and school buses over 3 years; funded from state’s allocation of federal highway funds (esp. CMAQ), with state contributing required match
  - RI DEM secured new idle reduction law and is developing statewide diesel reduction plan
  - EPA negotiated agreement with NYC, five NY counties, NYSDOT, FHWA to reduce diesel emissions via retrofits, clean fuels, idle reduction
Recent Accomplishments

- Developed New Data
  - Ports Workgroup is developing profiles of and equipment inventories for most northeast ports
  - MA, NJ are developing inventories of state-owned nonroad vehicles
  - NY is developing inventory of construction equipment
  - NESCAUM published studies of locomotives in New Haven and harbor craft in Boston
Current Activities

- Completing list of priority projects
- Hosting funding workshop with MDC (Philadelphia, April 23-24)
- Completing ports equipment inventory and analyzing key project opportunities
- Developing comments on draft CMAQ guidance
Current Activities

- Working to get “clean construction” specs into contracts for RI and NH highway projects
- Helping RI develop idle rules, VT coordinate with legislators who backed idling bill
- Compiling exposure and health effects information
Funding Picture

- **Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)**
  - In Energy Act, Congress authorized $200m/year for 5 years
  - President’s budget had $49m; House has $20m, Senate has $28m; both stripped out 20% direct funding to states, so all would go through EPA
  - Federal budget not passed; expecting continuing resolution at compromise level
  - May mean no DERA funds this year; last year’s budget had $5 m for Clean Diesel
  - Any EPA money will be competed in the usual process through EPA, though in the name of the Collaborative and likely to reflect NEDC priorities
Funding Picture

- Federal SEP Funds
  - DERA funding precludes using SEPs to fund diesel emission reduction projects; options are under discussion
- Federal Highway Funds, esp. CMAQ
- State Infrastructure Bank Loans
- Small Business Administration Loans in connection with EPA’s SmartWay program