

CLEAN FLEET VEHICLE POLICY

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

1.1. The North Texas Tollway Authority (the “NTTA” or the “Authority”) is authorized to design, construct, operate and maintain toll facilities in Dallas, Collin, Denton and Tarrant counties which are part of the North Central Texas Region that is subject to federal air quality emissions controls.

1.2. By Resolution No. 04-07, the NTTA set forth its commitment to assisting the North Central Texas Region attain federal clean-air standards for ozone by reducing emissions from its diesel-fueled vehicles and equipment and by incorporating further energy-efficiency measures in its buildings and facilities.

1.3. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines which the NTTA will use when procuring, operating and maintaining its vehicle fleet.

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

2.1. The following words and terms, when used in this Policy, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

NCTCOG -- North Central Texas Council of Governments.

RTC – Regional Transportation Council, the regional transportation policy body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

SECTION 3 ACQUISITIONS

3.1. Vehicle acquisitions for fleet expansion or replacement of model year 2004 or newer shall be made with the newest model year or engine standard only.

3.2. Vehicle acquisitions to replace model year 2003 or older vehicles must show at least a 25% reduction in nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions rate compared to the vehicle being replaced.

3.3. In the event that new technologies or achievements of the required emission reduction are not possible, the NTTA may seek from NCTCOG a waiver of the application of Sections 3.1 and 3.2, whichever is applicable.

3.4. Aftermarket technologies and conversions are acceptable for fleet expansion and fleet replacements.

1. Aftermarket technologies and conversions must be Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and/or CARB verified or certified or technology equivalent or better, as determined by the NCTCOG staff.

2. Conversions must comply with the provisions of EPA Memorandum 1A and Addendum Revision (June 25, 1974 and June 1, 1998).

SECTION 4 OPERATIONS

4.1. Vehicle idling may occur only for safety, emergency response, vehicle maintenance, equipment activity, warm-up/operations in cold temperature, and manufacturer recommended minimum idle/warm-up times.

4.2. Vehicles with the lowest NOx emissions that are capable of performing the required operational demands shall drive the most miles.

4.3. Fleet manager shall abide by latest refueling time/season guidance published by NCTCOG Air Quality Planning.

4.4. Non-emergency vehicles shall drive no more than the posted speed limit and avoid rapid acceleration.

4.5. All drivers shall be trained on air quality appropriate operational requirements.

SECTION 5 MAINTENANCE

5.1. The Authority will perform annual emission and safety inspections for all vehicles, including vehicles with no state mandated inspection requirement.

5.2. All vehicles with over 100,000 miles will have emission inspections every 25,000 miles thereafter.

5.3. The Authority will perform manufacturer's recommended maintenance.

5.4. The Authority will participate in any diesel or other inspection/maintenance program, including applicable test or pilot programs, offered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or NCTCOG.

SECTION 6 COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION

6.1. The Authority will provide NCTCOG with an annual electronic update of fleet size and activity in a format established by NCTCOG.

6.2. The Authority acknowledges its failure to comply with this Policy and/or reporting requirements will make it ineligible for clean vehicle funding offered by NCTCOG and that the RTC may consider the NTTA's compliance when considering other RTC funding actions.