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Clark County District Board of Health Approves Grant for Cleaner Burning Diesel Fuel

(Las Vegas, Nev. – August 26, 1999) – The Clark County District Board of Health approved a proposal and agreements with the Clark County School District (CCHD) and the Regional Transportation Committee to accept a \$500,000 grant from El Dorado Energy. The grant will subsidize the cost of using California Air Resources Board (CARB) diesel for busses and vehicles operated by the school district and RTC. Use of CARB diesel will provide a significant reduction of the emissions from these vehicles.

Approximately 265 million gallons of conventional diesel fuel are burned annually in Clark County. Diesel fuel combustion is a considerable source of pollutants, including particulate matter (PM-10), sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. Utilizing CARB diesel will decrease emissions per vehicle by 10-20 percent for PM-10, 50 percent for sulfur dioxide and seven percent for nitrogen oxides.

This program is a cooperative effort, with the RTC and CCSD contributing approximately 1 cent of the approximately 9.5 cent cost differential for the CARB fuel.

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The \$500,000 grant will be used to cover the remaining costs.

El Dorado Energy is currently constructing an electric generating facility in the City of Boulder City and has offered this grant in order to support the Health District's efforts to improve air quality. In addition to their efforts to combat mobile source emissions in the county, El Dorado Energy will employ Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) technology for their facility and has acquired emission offsets to cover all potential emissions.

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