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AFTER TWO DECADES OF ADVOCACY: EPA'S HEAVY DUTY TRUCK RULE FALLS SHORT ON ADDRESSING DEADLY POLLUTION FROM HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS FOR EJ COMMUNITIES

Public Health Costs for People Living Near the Nation's Sea & Inland Ports & Warehouse Complexes Will Continue Unabated

Interviews available

Every day frontline communities feel the impacts of daily pollution from heavy-duty trucks. Moving Forward Network (MFN), is a national network of over 50 member organizations that centers grassroots, frontline-community knowledge, expertise and engagement from communities across the US that bear the negative impacts of the global freight transportation system. For decades frontline leaders have been demanding that EPA take on addressing the daily and deadly pollution from heavy duty trucks. Our Network members expressed disappointment today at the EPA's announcement of the Heavy-Duty Truck Rule falling short of our demands, especially by pushing zero emissions for future rules.

Our EJ demands couldn't have been more straightforward. We urged EPA to address pollution from heavy duty trucks this and subsequent rules must at a minimum:

1) Require all-new truck sales are zero-emission beginning in 2035
2) Set the strongest emissions standard that will REQUIRE reductions from heavy-duty fossil fuel engines for EJ communities
3) Retire all combustion trucks by 2045

MFN continues to demand that EPA take strong action to address pollution from heavy duty trucks and the freight sectors.

If, as claimed by some EPA officials, this rule is meant to be a "first step", then any future rule MUST ensure a clear path and goal towards zero emissions. Near zero is NOT zero.

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