

## Clean Air Group Urges Funding Diesel Retrofits

An advocacy group called for federal and state funding to retrofit older diesel engines, saying reduced diesel emission would save lives.

The Boston-based Clean Air Task Force, which promotes clean-air policy, released a report on diesel emission Feb. 22.

"Reducing diesel fine-particle emissions 50% by 2010, 75% by 2015 and 85% by 2020 would save nearly 100,000 lives between now and 2030," the report said, using figures based on government emission data and public health



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Environmental Protection Agency regulations require sharp reductions in diesel-engine emission in 2007, with even tighter standards in 2010.

Conrad Schneider, CATF advocacy director, said not all **13 million diesel engines in use in the United States** would need retrofits, which cost \$5,000 to \$7,000 per vehicle.

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