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Hi Dave - The Washoe County Health District, Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) supports Washoe County's request for a variance from NAC 486A for the 31 vehicles you identified.

All areas of Washoe County currently meet all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and are designated as "attainment" or "unclassifiable". These designations are codified in 40 CFR 81.329. Based on recent air monitoring data, Washoe County is also expected to be designated "attainment/unclassifiable" for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS.

The AQMD's relies on the following mandatory and voluntary(\*) strategies to ensure on-road mobile sources do not adversely impact State Implementation Plans (SIP) for ozone, particulates, and carbon monoxide.

1. Federal tailpipe emission standards
2. Federal low sulphur fuel standards
3. Transportation Conformity Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for PM10 and carbon monoxide
4. Ozone Advance\*
5. Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, and Regional Planning's master plans to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)\*
6. Diesel Emission Reduction Act grants\*
7. Clean Cities\*

Based on the current limited bio-diesel infrastructure network, the air quality benefits from Washoe County's 31 vehicles would be offset by the additional VMT needed to comply with NAC 486A. The additional VMT would primarily occur in the urban areas of the county which typically have higher concentrations of air pollutants such as ozone, particulates, and carbon monoxide.

New diesel vehicles are much cleaner per mile driven compared to those built just 20 years ago. The AQMD encourages Washoe County to find opportunities to accelerate retirement of these older, higher emission vehicles.

Feel free to contact me or Dan Inouye, Monitoring & Planning Branch Chief, if you need additional information.

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