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ENGINE AND TRUCK MANUFACTURERS SUPPORT NATIONAL PROGRAM TO IMPROVE FUEL EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

CHICAGO, IL, May 21, 2010 - The Obama Administration announced today that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will be coordinating their efforts to implement a uniform, national program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve fuel efficiency from medium and heavy-duty trucks and buses. The Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) and its members participated this morning in the ceremony at The White House announcing the national program.

“As the primary manufacturers of medium and heavy-duty engines and vehicles in the United States, EMA members strongly support a uniform, national program to address greenhouse gas emissions and fuel efficiency. EMA’s members have long focused on producing products that meet the commercial needs of their customers as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible,” stated Jed Mandel, EMA President. “A single coordinated EPA/DOT program should be designed to maximize the use of existing technologies that are feasible and effective while preserving the utility and functionality of work-performing vehicles in a highly competitive marketplace.”

The national program outlined today should expand the use of existing technologies to reduce CO₂ emissions and improve overall fuel efficiency and should incentivize the early introduction of advanced technologies. “EMA and its members have a long and successful record of working cooperatively with EPA and DOT and other regulatory agencies. Our past efforts have resulted in a 99% reduction in NOx and PM emissions from medium and heavy-duty diesel vehicles,” said Mr. Mandel. “The program and principles announced today clearly will advance the nation’s efforts to reduce GHG emissions and improve fuel efficiency. We are delighted to be part of the solution.”

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Addressing the proposed program, Tim Blubaugh, President of the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA) stated, “fuel efficiency has always been a key customer focus in the commercial trucking industry, and truck manufacturers have already made significant improvements in fuel efficiency to meet customer demands. The national program will build on our previous successes, while recognizing the flexibility needed to address the complexities of the commercial vehicle market and its many applications. We look forward to working with DOT and EPA on the national program.”

Today’s announcement is the start of a process that will be fully fleshed-out and finalized in a formal rulemaking process. EMA and its members will actively participate in that process to help achieve greenhouse gas reductions and fuel efficiency improvements while continuing to provide customers with commercial vehicles best suited to their needs.

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The Engine Manufacturers Association is the trade association representing worldwide manufacturers of internal combustion engines used in applications such as trucks and buses, farm and construction equipment, locomotives, marine vessels, and lawn, garden, and utility equipment. EMA works with government and industry to help the nation achieve its goals of cleaner fuels, more efficient engines, and cleaner air.

The Truck Manufacturers Association is the trade association representing the major manufacturers of medium and heavy-duty trucks greater than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. TMA works cooperatively with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders to ensure that safety standards and regulations are technologically feasible, cost-effective, and provide safety and environmental benefits.