

## Eliminate the National Clean Diesel Campaign (NCDC)

SAVINGS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2016-2020	2016-2025
\$20	\$20	\$20	\$21	\$21	\$22	\$22	\$23	\$23	\$24	\$102	\$216

### Heritage Recommendation:

Eliminate the National Clean Diesel Campaign (NCDC), commonly called the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant program. This proposal saves \$20 million in 2016, and \$216 million over 10 years.

### Rationale:

While Congress only authorized \$30 million for the EPA's clean diesel program in 2012, hundreds of millions have been spent over the years to develop more than 60,000 pieces of clean diesel technology, such as "emissions and idle control devices, aerodynamic equipment, engine and vehicle replacements, and alternative fuel options." Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grants have been used to pay for new or retrofitted tractors and cherry pickers in Utah (\$750,000), electrified parking spaces at a Delaware truck stop (\$1 million), a new engine and generators for a 1950s locomotive in Pennsylvania (\$1.2 million), school buses in San Diego County (\$1.6 million), and new equipment engines for farmers in the San Joaquin Valley (\$1.6 million). Though these projects might have merit, federal taxpayers should not have to pay for projects that should be undertaken by private investors or state and local groups. If these technologies are economically viable and consumer demand exists, these products will be developed without the help of taxpayers.

### Additional Reading:

- Nicolas Loris, "EPA Is Desperately in Need of Budget Cuts. Here's a Few Places to Start," The Daily Signal, July 10, 2014, <http://dailysignal.com/2014/07/10/epa-desperately-need-budget-cuts-heres-places-start/>.
- Katrina Trinko, "Heritage Experts Weigh in on Massive Omnibus Spending Bill," The Daily Signal, January 13, 2014, <http://dailysignal.com/2014/01/13/Heritage-experts-weigh-massive-omnibus-spending-bill/>.
- The Heritage Foundation, "Environmental Conservation: Eight Principles of the American Conservation Ethic," <http://www.Heritage.org/research/projects/environmental-conservation>.

### Calculations:

Savings are expressed as budget authority and were calculated by using the FY 2014 enacted spending levels as found on page 810 of EPA, "Fiscal Year 2015: Justification of Appropriation Estimates for the Committee on Appropriations," March 2014, [http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/fy2015\\_congressional\\_justification.pdf](http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-03/documents/fy2015_congressional_justification.pdf). The 2014 enacted level was increased at the same rate as discretionary spending for 2016–2025, according to the CBO's most recent August 2014 baseline spending projections.