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Minn. Group Wins \$3M for Clean Diesel

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Diesel vehicles make up 10 percent of traffic on Minnesota roads, but they account for more than 50 percent of the air pollution.

The non-profit group Minnesota Environmental Initiative, or MEI, is trying to change that, and it's getting an infusion of cash to do so.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the group \$3 million in federal stimulus funding.

The money will be used to retrofit trucks and school buses with pollution control equipment.

"Investing in clean diesel projects in the Great Lakes region will protect public health, bolster the economy and create jobs," said Bharat Mathur, acting administrator of EPA Region 5.

The funds are provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program.

For information on EPA's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/recovery>.

For information about EPA's clean diesel initiatives, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel>.

For information about Minnesota Environmental Initiative, visit: <http://www.projectgreenfleet.org>.