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Dear Darryl Taylor:

Thank you for providing the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with the opportunity to comment on the Compton 60 Project.

The construction of the Compton 60 Project would temporarily expose nearby residences to harmful air pollution and would contribute to the existing air pollution burden in the neighboring community. To reduce these impacts, CARB urges the City of Compton to include a project design measure requiring participation in CARB's California Clean Construction (CCC) program for the Compton 60 Project, including use of the zero-emission off-road construction equipment where feasible, and the use of cleanest available diesel technology for diesel equipment used. The CCC program encourages construction projects to use zero-emission off-road construction equipment listed in the CCC Zero-Emission Equipment List as applicable. The CCC program provides a standardized program for reducing off-road construction related emissions.

Off-road construction project emissions can harm local communities and the environment. Among other pollutants, diesel equipment emits oxides of nitrogen and diesel particulate matter. Oxides of nitrogen lead to smog formation and are a significant factor in the development of respiratory problems like asthma, bronchitis, and lung irritation. Diesel particulate matter is –a toxic air contaminant and contributor to cancer, heart disease, respiratory illnesses, and premature death. Project equipment diesel engines can also be loud, bringing disruptive noise levels during operations.

Participating CCC projects may reference program guidelines and the program Zero-Emission Equipment List, available from the program home page, (arb.ca.gov/ccc). Off-road construction matching equipment listed in CCC Zero-Emission Equipment List equipment categories, must be zero-emission for successful project completion recognition. For full program details and program related resources, please see the CCC program guidelines at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/california-clean-construction-program>.

Available Zero-Emission Equipment List

The following listed construction equipment types are required to be zero-emission for successful CCC program participation completion project recognition. The Zero-Emission Equipment List does not constitute or imply endorsement or recommendation of any manufacturer or equipment model. The list is based on equipment types readily available for lease, rent, or purchase in California.

- Aerial lift (scissor and personnel)
- Compact/mini excavator (up to 15,000 pounds operating weight)
- Compact/mini track and wheel loaders (up to 15,000 pounds operating weight)
- Dumper/buggy
- Forklift (up to 5,000 pounds lift capacity)
- Light cart/tower/stand
- Power generation systems, Battery Energy Storage Systems and hybrid gensets
 - On project diesel generators are only allowed if incorporated into hybrid genset systems (as defined in program section titled Definitions)
- Tampers/mini-compactors/mini-rollers
- Walk-behind concrete saw

Cleanest Available Diesel Equipment

In addition to using zero-emission equipment, CARB recommends that all off-road diesel-fueled equipment on the project have engines certified to current Tier 4 Final emission standards using diesel particulate filters, which is the cleanest available technology for particulate matter emissions control. It is imperative to protect the health of people living, working, and attending school in the Compton community by reducing toxic diesel particulate matter exposure. Further information regarding identifying cleanest available diesel equipment is available at [Optional Tier 4 Final + Diesel Particulate Filter Equipment](#).

CARB appreciates the opportunity to comment and can provide support. If you have questions, please contact californiacleanconstruction@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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