

Why is Idling a Problem?

- It wastes fuel
- Releases harmful particles and greenhouse gases into the air
- Short term negative health impacts:
 - irritation of the eyes, throat, and nose
 - lightheadedness
 - nausea
 - coughing and phlegm
- Long term negative health impacts:
 - permanent lung damage
 - cancer
 - asthma
 - heart disease

What are Delaware's Anti-Idling Laws?

*“No on-road heavy duty motor vehicle shall be allowed to operate for more than **three (3) consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion.**”*

*“This regulation is enforceable under 7 Del.C., Ch. 60, §§ 6005 and 6013. Violators are subject to a **penalty of not less than 50 dollars (\$50) and not more than 500 dollars (\$500) for each offense.**”*

** Long haul delivery trucks, transit and school buses are subject to this regulation

** Emergency fire, rescue, and lifesaving vehicles are exempt

To encourage compliance with these anti-idling regulations, the Clean Air Council is launching Idle Free Delaware

What is Idle Free Delaware?

- A community-driven effort, where individuals report observed instances of idling.
- All idling reports will be collected by the Clean Air Council and referred to enforcement officials in the City of Wilmington.
- The data from the reports will also be used to identify “hot spots” where idling is an epidemic.
- Every report will be mapped to provide an easy visual of idling “hot spots”.

How Does Idle Free Delaware Work?

1. Go to idlefreedelaware.org
2. Click the spot on the map where idling is occurring
3. This will automatically send a report to the Clean Air Council, who will respond to the issue. In certain cases, the violator can receive a ticket if enough information is provided.
4. Clean Air Council will work with communities to address idling hot spots in order to develop an effective means of addressing the problem.
5. Reports can also be received by phone through the number (302) 691-0112 ext 108.



What is Diesel?

- Diesel, similar to gasoline, is a fuel derived from petroleum.
- The two advantages to using diesel over gasoline in a vehicle are:
 - it is cheaper because it takes less refining to produce,
 - it has a higher energy density, and thus, diesel engines get better mileage than gasoline engines.

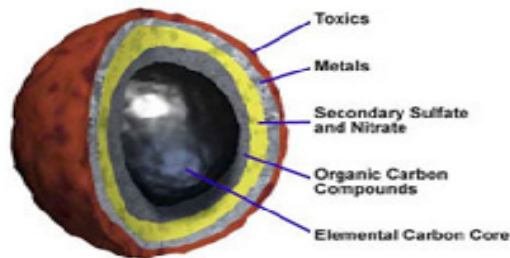


Illustration of the make-up of a diesel particle

- As diesel takes less refining to produce than gasoline, it contains a higher portion of dangerous substances.
- Diesel exhaust contains more than 40 toxic substances.
- The high-heat combustion in diesel engines allows a larger portion of these substances to form and be released.

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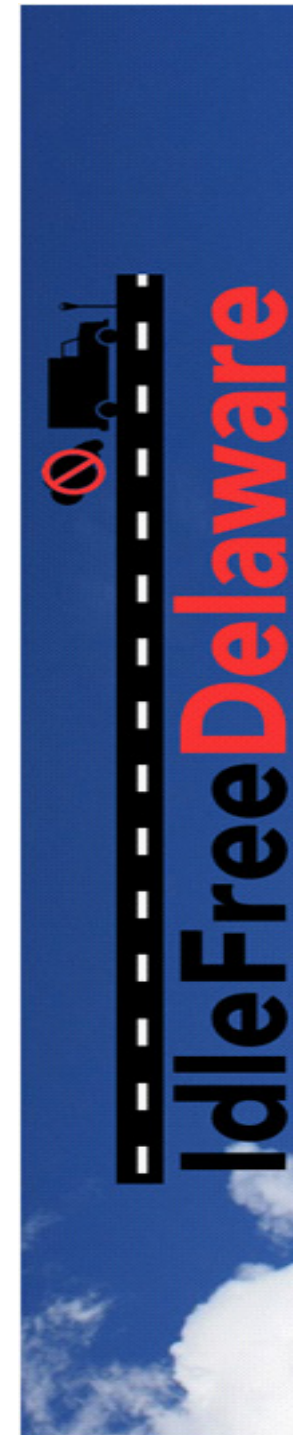
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A Clean Air Council campaign working to reduce the negative impacts of idling trucks