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**ReWa and Greenville County partner to implement  
Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grant**

**Greenville, S.C.** (August 29, 2011)—In 2011, Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) partnered with the County of Greenville to implement the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program. The program allotted funding to retrofit twelve (12) Diesel Engines with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts and two (2) Closed Crankcase Ventilation Systems. These filters significantly reduce tail pipe emissions from these units. While many of the newer vehicles already had this technology, the older units did not. The program helped close this gap; meeting the priority of SC Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce diesel emissions.

In a greater effort to improve our local air quality, the program is now a part of the Greenville County Public Awareness campaign, titled *Spare the Air*. Its focus is to increase awareness of the health effects of ground level ozone and fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>); especially on sensitive populations such as children, people suffering from asthma, and the elderly. Specifically, the grant expands the campaign, taking a proactive approach to reduce diesel emissions that focuses on retrofitting public fleets such as special purpose districts, sewer, water authorities and municipalities located within Greenville County. The program also helps educate fleet managers and drivers through the distribution of outreach materials such as in-house produced videos and brochures on diesel emissions reduction technologies.

For more information about the DERA program please visit:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/bag/DERA/>.

**Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)**

ReWa's goal is to promote a cleaner environment, and to protect the public health and water quality of the Upstate waterways, while providing and developing the necessary sewer infrastructure for the growing economy. ReWa serves more than 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg, Pickens and Laurens Counties.

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