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RE: Anti-Idling Pledge

September 4, 2012


To: All LAC Employees and Board Members

The Township Committee had previously adopted an Anti-Idling Pledge as part of the Sustainable Jersey Program back in 2010.

Mayor Pompper would like to remind each Board and Department of this program and once again ask that you go over the importance of not idling, any Township vehicle whether diesel or gasoline powered.

I have included a brochure which you can hand out, which has information and statistics from the NJDEP website "Stop the Soot".

The Township Committee thanks you for your support of this Anti-Idling Pledge.


Ronald L Campbell Sr
LAC Clerk

Cc: Mayor & Committee
Animal Control Officer, Steven Fisher &
Planning Board Secretary, Irene Carney
Public Safety Director, David Sowers
Public Works Foreman, Lewis Fogg

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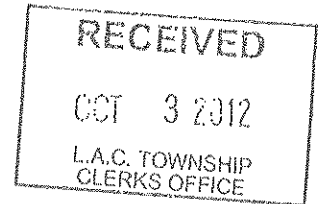
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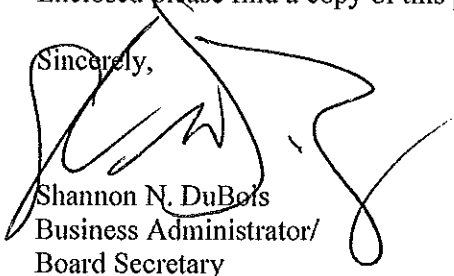
Lower Alloways Creek Township
Attn: Ronald L. Campbell, Sr., LAC Clerk
PO Box 157
Hancock's Bridge, NJ 08038



Dear Mr. Campbell:

At its meeting on September 18, 2012, the Lower Alloways Creek Board of Education unanimously adopted the Department of Environmental Protection's No Idling Pledge as supplied by your office. Enclosed please find a copy of this pledge for your records, as requested.

Sincerely,



Shannon N. DuBois
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Enclosure

No Idling Pledge for School Districts

We pledge to protect the health and well-being of the students and staff of our school district. We recognize that buses are the safest mode of student transportation, yet excessive school-bus emissions of soot from idling are a threat to children's health.

To protect students and staff from harmful soot, we voluntarily pledge:

- ♦ To turn off engines while waiting to load and to unload students
- ♦ To use newest buses for the longest routes
- ♦ To maintain buses to eliminate any visible exhaust
- ♦ To complete school-bus driver training on eliminating idling

School or School District: Lower Alloways Creek

Town: Lower Alloways Creek

School Administrator's Signature: Fred Pratt

School Administrator's Name (Printed): Fred Pratt

School Administrator's Title: Chief School Administrator

Signed on this date: September 18, 2012

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection



what should I do?

- Take action and stop idling! Tell your family, friends, neighbors and school bus drivers to stop idling.
- Purchase and install "No Idling Zone" signs to spread awareness (see directions for ordering on www.StopTheSoot.org)
- Report diesel vehicles idling more than 3 minutes by calling (877) WARNDP.
- Encourage your school district to sign the No Idling Pledge.
- Support programs that "retrofit" diesel vehicles with emission controls.
- Do not use remote starters.

**For more information,
visit www.StopTheSoot.org
or contact NJDEP's
Bureau of Mobile Sources
at (609) 292-7953.**



IDLING...

what's the problem?

references

- (1) NJDEP used methodology found in USEPA, Final Tier 2 Rule: Air Quality Estimation, Selected Health and Welfare Benefit Methods, and Benefits Analysis Results, EPA 420-R-99-032, December, 1999 and Abt Associates, "The Particulate-Related Health Benefits of Reducing Power Plant Emissions," October 2000 to calculate premature deaths.
- (2) www.oee.nrcan.gc.ca/communities-government/transportation/municipal-communities/articles/idling-myths.cfm?attr=8
- (3) Gauderman, W.J., et. AL, "The Effect of Air Pollution on Lung Development from 10-18 Years of Age," New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 351, No. 11, Sept. 9, 2004 and related study of truck density and "black smoke" inside schools, Brunekreef, B., "Air Pollution from Truck Traffic and Lung Function in Children Living Near Motorways," Epidemiology 8(3):298-303.
- (4) American Heart Association Scientific Statement www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3022282



**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mobile Sources**

**PO Box 420 / Mail Code 401-03G
401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
www.StopTheSoot.org**

idling is illegal

- Idling for more than 3 minutes is PROHIBITED in New Jersey with limited exceptions:
 - N.J.A.C. 7:27-14 (Diesel Vehicles)
 - N.J.A.C. 7:27-15 (Gasoline Vehicles)
 - Sleeping in trucks with sleeper berths is currently allowed. (this exemption will be eliminated in 2010)
 - Idling of emergency vehicles (police, ambulance, fire, military) operating in emergency situations is allowed.
- Idling fines begin at \$100 for passenger vehicles and \$250 for commercial vehicles.

idling is “fuelish”

- If you are idling, you might as well be burning dollar bills.
- The best way to warm a vehicle is to **drive** it.
- Emissions are still present and harmful even when you can't see exhaust.
- In winter conditions, emissions from a cold engine are more than double the normal level. Fuel consumption is also higher in cold weather.
- Idling increases maintenance costs: it leaves fuel residues that contaminate motor oil and make spark plugs dirty.

idling is unhealthy

- Diesel exhaust is a likely human carcinogen, containing fine particles commonly called “soot”.
- Exhaust emissions worsen asthma, bronchitis, and existing allergies.
- The New England Journal of Medicine reports that exposure to air pollution may cause chronic decreases in lung functions by age 18.³
- Children breathe up to 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults, making them more susceptible to both acute and chronic respiratory problems like asthma.

& idling emissions kill...

- Every year, hundreds of New Jerseyans die prematurely from exposure to diesel exhaust. Fine particle pollution may actually cause more deaths in NJ than homicides and car accidents combined.¹
- The American Heart Association has concluded that air pollution increases the risk of death from cardiovascular disease.⁴

**DID
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KNOW?**

Vehicles that idle 10 minutes per day waste more than 29 gallons of fuel each year.²

**DID
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An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one traveling at 30 miles per hour.

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Only 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off.²