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## **South Coast AQMD Statement on White House Electric Vehicle Targets**

Statement by Wayne Nastri, executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District:

“Today, the Biden administration signed an [Executive Order](#) that announces the Clean Trucks Plan and sets the goal of making half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 zero-emissions and creates new fuel-efficiency and emissions standards designed to improve public health and advance environmental justice.

Emissions from heavy-duty mobile sources are the top cause of our air quality problems in California and are also causing poor air in other parts of the country. As the [lead petitioners for the Clean Trucks Plan](#), we are pleased to see the Executive Order signed today that aims to reduce criteria pollutants from heavy-duty trucks and other vehicles as quickly as possible and move the nation towards a zero-emission future.

We look forward to additional actions from the administration that further focus on reducing criteria pollutants such as nitrogen oxide (NOx) from mobile sources, a precursor to smog, and the largest contributor of air pollution in California. Replacing the 95% of trucks on the road emitting cancer-causing toxic diesel emissions with currently available low-NOx options will help provide the immediate emissions reductions needed, help meet our federal air quality standards and protect the communities most impacted.”

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