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Answers

1. What is the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program?

The Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program (Hunts Point CTP) is a unique and exciting environmental initiative offered by the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) to promote sustainable transportation and a cleaner environment in the South Bronx communities of Hunts Point and Port Morris, New York. The Hunts Point CTP targets truck owners serving the Hunts Point and Port Morris communities and offers attractive rebate incentives for the purchase of new diesel, hybrid-electric, compressed natural gas, and battery electric trucks. Rebate incentives are also available for the installation of exhaust retrofit technologies.

Rebate incentives are available for:

- Replacement of an older diesel truck with a 2010 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission compliant diesel truck; model year of the replacement truck must be 2016 or newer.
- Replacement of an older diesel truck with a 2010 U.S. EPA emission compliant alternative fueled truck (hybrid-electric, compressed natural gas, or battery electric truck); model year of the replacement truck must be 2016 or newer.
- Installation of an exhaust retrofit technology on an older diesel truck (1994 to 2004 model year diesel engines).
- Additional incentive is available for near zero emission natural gas engine.

2. Why was this program created?

The Hunts Point CTP was created to replace and improve the emissions of up to 500 older diesel trucks with newer and more environmentally friendly vehicles. The overall goal is to reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality and public health.

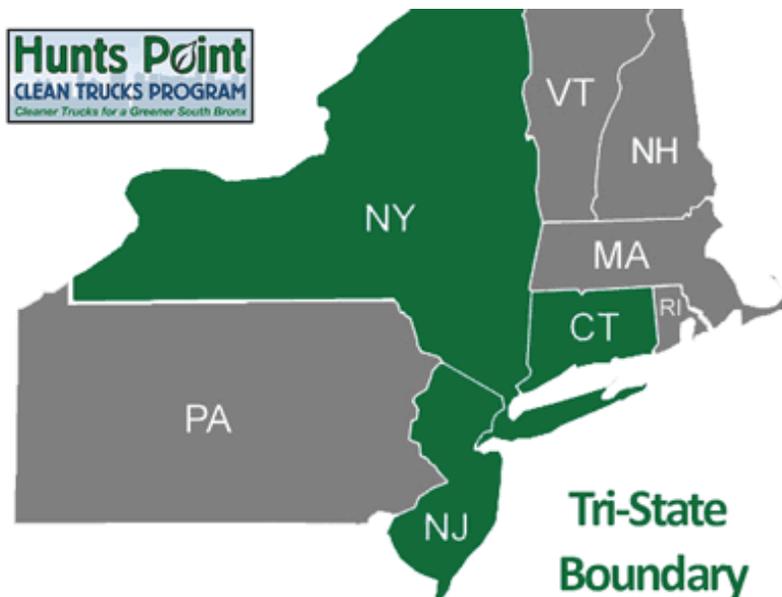
3. What is a rebate incentive?

A rebate incentive is awarded after a qualifying applicant purchases a qualifying new truck or retrofits a qualifying truck with a program approved exhaust retrofit technology. There is no obligation to pay back the rebate incentive if the qualifying applicant remains in compliance with Hunts Point CTP requirements throughout the program commitment. There is a five (5) year program commitment for truck replacements and a three (3) year program commitment for installation of exhaust retrofit technology.

4. What are the eligibility criteria to apply for and receive a rebate incentive through the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program?

Hunts Point CTP participants must:

- Currently own a Class 3 to Class 8 diesel truck equipped with an engine Model Year 2006 or older and must provide proof of service to the Hunts Point or Port Morris communities for one year.
- Qualifying truck must be scrapped when replacing with a diesel or alternative fuel truck.
- Commit to the Hunts Point CTP for five (5) years for truck replacements or three (3) years for installation of exhaust retrofit technologies.
- Vehicle Safety Enhancements are required to be installed and maintained on each Replacement Truck and Qualifying Truck with an Exhaust Retrofit Technology installed.
- The qualifying truck must be domiciled and/or regularly operate in the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities. The Hunts Point and Port Morris area is defined to be south and east of the Bruckner Expressway/Major Deegan Corridor.
- The replacement truck or the truck with the exhaust retrofit technology installed must meet and maintain seventy percent of the total vehicle miles traveled must be within the Tri-State area (green areas in below figure), and must operate within the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities at least two times per week for five (5) years for truck replacements or three (3) years for installation of exhaust retrofit technologies.



5. What are Vehicle Safety Enhancements?

In February 2014, Mayor de Blasio released the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Vision Zero plan is comprised of dozens of specific initiatives to improve vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety on city streets. In support of increasing safety, the HPCTP embraced this important initiative beginning with Round 3 of program funding. Vehicle Safety Enhancements are required to be installed and maintained on each Replacement Truck and Qualifying Truck with an Exhaust Retrofit Technology installed. Only vehicles properly equipped with the following Vehicle Safety Enhancements are eligible to participate: side mirrors with a split mirror design; cross-over mirrors; passenger door down view mirror; a backup alert system; and side guards. The backup alert system must consist of one or more of the following: audible alert; visual alert; or radar detection. The side guard can be either a rail or panel design and must comply with the recommended schematic prepared by U.S. Department of Transportation, Volpe, The National Transportation Systems Center. Configurations of truck features may not allow for some of the Vehicle Safety Enhancements to be installed (ex. cab over configurations do not need cross-over mirrors). Participant shall repair or replace Vehicle Safety Enhancements and Sideguards that become inoperable or ineffective.

6. Is it possible to change truck class sizes when replacing an older diesel truck with a newer truck?

The Hunts Point CTP is designed for replacement of an old diesel truck with a like truck from the same class size. However, the Hunts Point CTP will allow for class size change downward when going from an older, larger diesel truck to a smaller alternative fuel truck. Any other special requests can be made to the Hunts Point CTP Administrator for further review by NYCDOT.

7. Are the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program participants subject to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Buy America Provision?

The Hunts Point CTP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality Program, or CMAQ. This means that as a Federal-Aid project, the Hunts Point CTP must conform to the Buy America Provision which requires that vehicles purchased using FHWA funds be manufactured in the United States using 100 percent domestically sourced iron and steel. Because it is extremely complicated to determine the source of iron and steel in the manufacturing of a truck or vehicle, NYCDOT has applied for and received a waiver allowing vehicle eligibility as long as the truck is final assembled in the U.S. As part of the documentation on the new replacement truck, a photograph of the door jamb tag is submitted with the paperwork showing the final assembly of the new replacement truck within the United States.

8. How much rebate incentive funding is available through the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program per qualified applicant?

- Replacement of an older diesel truck with a 2010 U.S. EPA emission compliant diesel truck
- Rebate incentive caps range from \$10,000 for a Class 3 diesel fueled truck up to \$30,000 for a Class 8 diesel fueled truck (scrapping of the older truck is required).
- Replacement of an older diesel truck with a 2010 U.S. EPA emission compliant alternative fueled truck (hybrid-electric, compressed natural gas, or battery electric truck)
- Rebate incentive caps range from \$17,000 to \$90,000 for an alternative fueled truck (scrapping of the older truck is required).
- Installation of an exhaust retrofit technology on an older diesel truck (1994 to 2004 model year diesel engines)
- Diesel exhaust retrofit technology rebate amounts are not listed and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To learn more, view the rebate incentive matrix.

9. Is there a limit on the number of applications or trucks that can be submitted?

For truck replacements an applicant can receive rebate incentives for up to a maximum annual cumulative award of \$2,000,000 per applicant. For installation of exhaust retrofit technologies there is a maximum annual cumulative award of \$2,000,000 per applicant. For voluntary scrappage, there is no maximum award limit. Please note that Hunts Point CTP funding limits may be subject to change based on the number of applicants seeking Hunts Point CTP funds. Any maximum annual cumulative award beyond \$2,000,000 per applicant is subject to prior approval on a case-by-case basis.

10. Can Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program funds be combined with other grant funds?

Any and all government (federal, state, or local) funding to be used toward the purchase of the replacement truck must be disclosed. The ability to use other grant funds in combination with the Hunts Point CTP rebate incentives will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. However, funds from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA's) New York Truck – Voucher Incentive Program (NYT-VIP) cannot be combined with Hunts Point CTP funds.

11. Can Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program funds be combined with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) funds?

Trucks that qualify for the Hunts Point CTP are NOT eligible for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA's) New York Truck – Voucher Incentive Program (NYT-VIP). If an applicant is domiciled or otherwise qualifies for the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities then they would need to apply for the Hunts Point CTP funds in place of NYSERDA's NYT-VIP funds.

12. How long is the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program application process from start to finish?

The time frame between application submittal and the rebate incentive award is dependent on each applicant. The process timeline varies depending on whether you are [replacing a truck](#) or [installing an exhaust retrofit](#).

13. For compliance with the regular operation in the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities, how is the requirement of annual vehicle miles traveled determined?

For compliance with the regular operation in the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities, the replacement truck or the truck with the exhaust retrofit technology installed must commit to five (5) years for truck replacements or three (3) years for trucks installed with exhaust retrofit technologies. These trucks must meet and maintain seventy percent of their total vehicle miles traveled within the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut state geographic boundaries, and must operate within the Hunts Point and/or Port Morris communities at least two times per week each year of their program commitment.

The replacement truck is tracked with an automatic vehicle locator for compliance. If a truck is not meeting the compliance requirements listed above, the Participant of the replacement truck will be notified in order that they may remedy the situation. If at the end of their annual year, the replacement truck is out of Hunts Point CTP vehicle miles traveled compliance, then the Participant is subject to default with the following options:

- the Participant is required to repay 20 percent of their rebate incentive to the NYCDOT for the prior annual year and the Participant is to continue operating the replacement truck within the guidelines of the Hunts Point CTP, or
- the Participant is required to repay 100 percent of their rebate incentive to the NYCDOT and the Participant will be removed from the Hunts Point CTP. If the Participant chooses to be removed from the Hunts Point CTP they would be required to repay a proportional amount of the rebate incentive to the NYCDOT in the amounts specified below based on the years remaining in the Program:

- One hundred (100) percent if occurring within the first annual period from date of Receipt;
- Eighty (80) percent if occurring within the second annual period from the date of Receipt;
- Sixty (60) percent if occurring within the third annual period from the date of Receipt;
- Forty (40) percent if occurring within the fourth annual period from the date of Receipt; and
- Twenty (20) percent if occurring within the fifth annual period from the date of Receipt.

The truck with the exhaust retrofit technology installed is tracked with an automatic vehicle locator for compliance. If a truck is not meeting the compliance requirements listed above, the Participant of the truck with the exhaust retrofit technology will be notified in order that they may remedy the situation. If at the end of their annual year, the truck with the exhaust retrofit technology installed is out of Hunts Point CTP compliance, then the Participant is subject to default with the following options:

- the Participant is required to repay 33 percent of their rebate incentive to the NYCDOT for the prior annual year and the Participant is to continue operating the replacement truck within the guidelines of the Hunts Point CTP, or
- the Participant is required to repay 100 percent of their rebate incentive to the NYCDOT and the Participant will be removed from the Hunts Point CTP.

If the Participant chooses to be removed from the Hunts Point CTP they will be required to repay a proportional amount of the rebate incentive to the NYCDOT in the amounts specified below based on the years remaining in the Program:

- One hundred (100) percent if occurring within the first annual period from date of Receipt;
- Sixty-six (66) percent if occurring within the second annual period from the date of Receipt; or
- Thirty-four (34) percent if occurring within the third annual period from the date of Receipt.

14. What does Hunts Point CTP define as the Hunts Point and Port Morris communities?

The Hunts Point CTP defines [Hunts Point and Port Morris area](#) to be south and east of the Bruckner Expressway/Major Deegan Corridor in the borough of The Bronx.

15. How can I obtain a Rebate Application?

[Download an application now](#). You may also send an email to hpctp@tetrattech.com or call 877-310-2733 to request a Rebate Application.

16. How can I be notified about upcoming events?

To be notified about upcoming events please send an email to hpctp@tetrattech.com or call 877-310-2733. You may also visit the [Events & Activities](#) page.

17. Can I see the presentations from a past event?

Presentations from past events are available on the [Events & Activities](#) page.

18. Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have questions or need assistance with the rebate incentive application or vehicle technologies available, please call 877-310-2733 or email hpctp@tetrattech.com.

19. Where can I go to look for a replacement truck or advanced transportation technology?

Program participants are welcome to work with any of the Hunts Point CTP approved vendors. A list of approved vendors can be found on the Vendor Network page. If you have a preferred vendor that you already have an existing relationship with and would like to go through that entity to participate in the Hunts Point CTP, please contact us and we will work with your vendor on qualifying to participate in the program. You may call us at 877-310-2733 or email hpctp@tetrattech.com.

20. How can a vendor become part of the Vendor Network?

The Vendor Network is a contact database of truck dealerships, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), scrap yards and exhaust retrofit technology vendors that have been approved by the Hunts Point CTP team to participate as vendors through the program. To become a member of the Vendor Network call 877-310-2733 or email hpctp@tetrattech.com.

21. What are the phone number, fax number and email address for the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program?

Phone Number
877-310-2733

Email Address
hpctp@tetrattech.com

Mailing Address

**HPCTP c/o TetraTech Inc.
249 Ocean Blvd., Suite 325
Long Beach, CA, 90802**

22. Does the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program have a center where I can receive in-person one-on-one assistance?

The Hunts Point CTP does not possess a conventional office center. However, the Hunts Point CTP offers a variety of options to ensure applicants receive the appropriate support needed throughout the application process. In addition to the toll-free helpline (877-310-2733), email address (hpctp@tetrattech.com) and comprehensive website (www.huntspointctp.com); the Hunts Point CTP hosts events where truck owners can receive in-person one-on-one assistance. In addition, the Hunts Point CTP also offers assistance to groups looking to host a workshop with five (5) fleets or more. For more information on how to receive in-person one-on-one, please [contact us](#).

23. Does the Hunts Point Clean Trucks Program offer multilingual assistance?

The Hunts Point CTP provides assistance in several languages including English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.