

Wal-Mart's Truck Fleet: Doing Our Part to Protect Air Quality

At Wal-Mart, we know that being an efficient and profitable business and being a good steward of the environment are goals that can work together.

As a longtime member of Merced's business community, we are leading by example by setting the highest environmental standards for the truck fleet that will serve our proposed distribution center.

One of Wal-Mart's sustainability goals is to increase the efficiency of its truck fleet. All Wal-Mart-owned and operated tractor trailers domiciled at the Merced Distribution Center will be compliant with some of the highest environmental standards that will result in reduced fuel consumption and emissions resulting in energy conservation and less air pollution.

Following are specific steps Wal-Mart intends to take to provide hundreds of new jobs, while promoting environmental and sustainable practices:

- **Using Low Emission Trucks** - In June 2007, Wal-Mart's truck fleet was qualified as a "superior environmental performer" by the U.S. EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership. This program reserves this honor for partners who are among the nation's most elite, cleanest, and greenest fleets.
- **Reduce Truck Idling** - In May 2006, Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) were installed on all trucks that make overnight trips. This device reduces pollution by allowing drivers to turn off their truck engines and rely on the APUs to warm or cool the cabin and run communication systems while on breaks.
- **Alternative Energy** - Wal-Mart has been purchasing hybrid vehicles for its corporate fleet since July 2003. Hybrid vehicles dramatically reduce gasoline consumption and are environmentally-friendly alternatives to traditional automobiles.
- **Promoting Innovation** - Wal-Mart is working with major truck design companies such as ArvinMeritor, Peterbilt, and International to develop diesel hybrid trucks and aerodynamic trucks that will help achieve its efficiency goals.
- **Good Practices** - Wal-Mart is encouraging carpooling in an effort to save its associates money on fuel and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. This year Wal-Mart announced the availability of reserved parking spots for carpools of two or more associates at a number of facilities.



Wal-Mart plans to increase its truck fleet efficiency by 25 percent over the next three years and double it within 10 years.