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EPA's final Heavy-Duty Vehicle Rule Step in Right Direction

[Washington, D.C] - Today, in another step forward in protecting the public from air and climate pollution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [finalized the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles](#) . The new standards for heavy-duty vehicles, starting in 2027, are an important advancement towards cleaning up the country's transportation sector and putting the United States on the path to a zero-emission transportation future.

In response to the final rule, the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments Executive Director Katie Huffling, DNP, RN, CNM, FAAN issued the following statement:

“While trucks are a small portion of the total on-road vehicles, they generate more than 25 percent of the total greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. Pollution from trucks contains toxic compounds that pollute the air and harm public health. EPA's action today is a critical step forward in cleaning up emissions from the transportation sector which translates into lives saved, asthma attacks prevented, and much more. This action will provide significant benefits for the 72 million Americans living closest to trucking routes and experiencing the burden of freight pollution.

“EPA's adoption of the Phase 3 heavy-duty standard is consistent with the long history of EPA regulating greenhouse gasses under the Clean Air Act. The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments appreciates the EPA for taking this important step to finalize these public health safeguards. However, further action is still needed to fully clean up the heavy-duty transportation sector. Nurses will continue to advocate for strong progress in cutting pollution from the transportation sector to protect our health. ”

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