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MITSUBISHI CEMENT RECEIVES \$323K AIR DISTRICT GRANT FOR EMISSION-REDUCING EQUIPMENT

New railcar mover replaces pieces of equipment manufactured in 1979, 1982

LUCERNE VALLEY — A Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District grant recently helped fund a new clean diesel mobile railcar mover for Mitsubishi Cement Corporation, effectively replacing two dated pieces of equipment long overdue to be decommissioned by the cement company.

“We greatly appreciate that MDAQMD found a grant to retire our ancient locomotive,” said David Rib, Mitsubishi Cement’s Environmental Manager. “That’s one more clean diesel engine we are proud to operate.”

The equipment was purchased with \$323,712 of grant funds through AB 2766, which authorizes air districts to impose a \$4 vehicle registration fee to meet the new responsibilities mandated under the California Clean Air Act.

AB 2766 is just one of several grant programs MDAQMD facilitates to seek like-minded partners in the community and reduce emissions through projects such as equipment replacements, upgrades and retrofits. The new emission-reducing 2018 Viking Trackmobile now operating at the Mitsubishi plant in Lucerne Valley replaces two older pieces of equipment manufactured in 1979 and 1982 respectively, significantly improving the air quality surrounding operations at the long-running facility.

“The MDAQMD and Mitsubishi Cement Corporation have had a great working relationship for many years,” said Brad Poiriez, MDAQMD’s Executive Director. “This particular project was something that’s been on their wish list for a long time, and we’re happy to help when it will reduce negative impacts on the environment.”

Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov/grants to learn more about the District’s grants programs.

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