

Equitable Outcomes for Medium and Heavy-Duty Truck Alternative Fuels Study

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To ensure that the actions in the Every Mile Counts work plan do not result in negative impacts or place burdensome outcomes on traditionally disadvantaged or underserved communities, the Every Mile Counts agencies are committed to advancing equitable outcomes for communities in Oregon. The equitable outcomes will allow agencies to make measurable progress toward achieving the statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets while also advancing social equity and environmental justice objectives. The equitable outcomes are the specific results that will enable the Every Mile Counts agencies to achieve Oregon's climate and equity goals.

The basis for these equitable outcomes is grounded in the definition of "equity" presented by Governor Kate Brown in the State of Oregon Equity Framework:

"Equity acknowledges that not all people, or all communities, are starting from the same place due to historic and current systems of oppression. Equity is the effort to provide different levels of support based on an individual's or group's needs in order to achieve fairness in outcomes. Equity actionably empowers communities most impacted by systemic oppression and requires the redistribution of resources, power, and opportunity to those communities."

The Medium and Heavy-Duty Truck Alternative Fuels Study action will support these **equitable outcomes**:

1. Opportunities to meaningfully engage in shaping agency decisions are made accessible through proactive coordination, communication, and building flexibility into the public process.
2. Research, information, and data-gathering efforts are informed by affected communities, including the perspectives of community members, based on their lived-experiences.
3. Actions or decisions with the potential to cause harm are avoided; if such actions cannot be avoided, all efforts are made to mitigate negative impacts.

Through utilizing **decision-making processes and outreach efforts** that:

1. Identify fleets to survey to that have the greatest potential to benefit traditionally disadvantaged and underserved communities.
2. Utilize a survey to gather individual experiences regarding alternative fuel adoption, including minority, women-owned and small businesses to capture barriers unique to these communities.
3. Include minority, women-owned and small businesses questions in the survey to capture barriers specific to these communities.
4. Highlight solutions that remove or mitigate the barriers for minority, women-owned, and small business including policy choices that can be made or additional incentives that can be provided.

