



Frequently Asked Questions

The Port of Virginia **GO-Zero Program** provides funds to purchase zero-emission (ZEV) and near zero- emission (NZEV) drayage trucks and recognizes partners for achieving goals that reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases associated with the transport of cargo through The Port of Virginia.

Is the GO-Zero program always open?

- No, the application period will be open for the second time from July 10, 2024, through September 10, 2024. After the application period has ended, an evaluation will be conducted to select awardees, with awards announced in the fall of 2024.

How long does the new truck have to service Port of Virginia facilities after the award has been made?

- For an award made under this program, the awardee agrees to use the new ZEV or NZEV truck to continue to service Port of Virginia facilities for two-years after the new truck has been purchased and must make at least 100 port visits/year for each of those years.
 - The penalty for noncompliance: Depending on the circumstances, this could constitute an event of default. If an applicant fails to meet the 100-trip requirement in the first 12 months, 100 percent of the grant incentive shall be refunded by the applicant. If an applicant fails to meet the 100-trip requirement in the second 12 months, 50 percent of the grant incentive shall be refunded by the applicant. If an applicant fails to meet the trip requirement due to a reasonable extenuating circumstance, the requirement may be waived for the year the infraction occurs at the sole discretion of the Virginia Port Authority.

What is the difference between a zero-emission (ZEV) and near zero- emission (NZEV) vehicle?

- Zero-emission vehicles do not emit exhaust gas or other pollutants from the onboard source of power. Examples of ZEVs include battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles.
- Near zero-emission vehicles use zero emission technologies, technologies that provide a pathway to zero emission operations, or incorporates other technologies that significantly reduce vehicle emissions. Examples of NZEVs include trucks with an engine that is powered by Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), or Liquid Natural Gas (LNG).

Are truck conversion kits eligible for the Go-Zero incentive?

- Conversion kits are not permitted for this incentive.

How is this program different from the Green Operator program?

- While the Green Operator program replaces older diesel trucks with newer diesel trucks, the GO-ZERO program provides incentives to the purchase of ZEV and NZEV trucks and does NOT require the scrapping of an older truck. However, GO-Zero does offer an extra incentive for participants who elect to scrap an older truck, but it is not required.

Where can I charge my battery electric-powered truck?

- As public charging/fueling options are limited in the near term; applicants will likely need to install charging/fueling stations within their facility location. Truck dealers can provide pricing on charging stations, as well as third party providers. Please refer to the list of truck dealer/manufacturers document on the Green Operator website. Applicants will need to evaluate the feasibility of such installations. For electric charging stations, coordination with the local utility will be needed to assess what site improvements may be needed to supply sufficient power to the charging stations.