

APPENDIX C: 2021 Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Points
A. Cost Effectiveness of Emissions Reductions Calculated using EPA's Diesel Emission Quantifier (DEQ), Argonne National Lab's Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation (AFLEET) tool, and/or Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions Calculator (HDVEC), and based upon the lifetime* emission reductions of NO _x and PM _{2.5} .	30
B. Project Benefits an Economically Disadvantaged Community or Population Calculated using median income levels and percentage of students eligible for free/reduced lunch of communities most affected.	30
C. Percent Operation in NH Based on hours of operation or miles traveled.	20
D. Government Entity Whether or not the applicant represents a municipality, state agency, school district, etc.	10
E. Project Benefits an Area Populated by Sensitive Receptors Unit operates near large groups of people extra sensitive to air pollution (i.e. schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.).	5
F. Clarity of Proposal & Potential for Success Based on clarity of application materials, applicant's experience with similar projects, potential for successful completion of project on time and on budget, etc.	5
TOTAL	100
Bonus Criteria:	Points:
G. Replacement with Alternative Fuel 25 points awarded for battery electric (BEV), Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV), or Fuel Cell; 20 points for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Propane.	25
H. Additional Benefits Other benefits created by project, including water quality, noise reduction, a plan to showcase the project, leveraging the project for future projects, benefiting communities in need, benefiting environmental justice priority communities, environmental benefits beyond air quality, and more.	5

*Lifetime reductions are based on the remaining years of anticipated operation of the unit and must meet EPA's minimum remaining life requirements.

If two or more proposals receive the same score, preference will be given to the proposal with the higher score in Criterion A; if those scores are also equal, preference will be given to the proposal with the higher score in Criterion B; if those scores are also equal, preference will be given to the proposal with the higher score in Criterion C. If scores are still equal, preference will be given to the proposal which NHDES staff determine best aligns with EPA's DERA funding priorities.