
GREEN OPERATORS "GO" PROGRAM: AN OVERVIEW

The Green Operators (GO) program provides rebates to retrofit older vehicles with more emission-efficient engines and recognizes partners for setting and achieving goals for reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases associated with the transport of goods.



GO CARRIER EXPECTATIONS AND BENEFITS

Carriers wishing to clean up emissions from drayage operations serving the Port of Virginia can join the Green Operators (GO) program by committing to retrofit one or more dray trucks with EPA verified emissions reduction technology. GO Carriers are eligible to receive a rebate of up to 100 percent of the cost to retrofit a truck, up to \$6,000 per rebate per vehicle.

GO CARRIER EXPECTATIONS

- Complete and submit the Green Operators Rebate Application, the Rebate Agreement, and the GO Request for Rebate Form. To download forms, please visit: <http://www.portofvirginia.com/corporate/environment/go-program.aspx>.
- Comply with the following EPA programmatic conditions:
 - Rebates only apply to emissions control technologies verified and included on the EPA Verified Retrofit Technologies list (<http://www.epa.gov/oms/retrofit/verif-list.htm>) or the California Air Resources Board list (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/vt/cvt.htm>).
- Report progress annually.

GO CARRIER BENEFITS

- Eligible to receive a rebate for up to 100 percent of the cost to retrofit a diesel truck, up to \$6,000.
- Added to the Virginia Port Authority Green Operators list. This list is made available by the Virginia Port Authority to Shippers who use its facilities. The Port also maintains information related to Green Operators on its website. GO Shippers are encouraged to give preference to GO Carriers.
- Permitted to use GO logos and other educational, promotional, and media materials.
- Highlighted on the GO program website.
- Listed in the Virginia Maritimer magazine as a Green Operator.
- May request assistance as they identify goals and technology options and address challenges related to the GO program.

GO CARRIER REBATE PROGRAM

- Only registered GO Carriers are eligible for the GO Rebate program.
- Participation in the GO program does not guarantee a Rebate.
- Rebates will be available first come, first served.

Only GO Carriers who apply and are accepted into the Rebate program will receive funds.

HOW TO APPLY FOR REBATE

All forms available at <http://www.portofvirginia.com/corporate/environment/go-program.aspx>

STEP ONE: Complete the Green Operators Rebate Application and the Rebate Agreement and send to MARAMA.

STEP TWO: Complete the GO Request for Rebate Form after retrofit installation.

Submit all completed documents to:
The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Assn
8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 636
Towson, MD 21286
(443) 901-1882

- Limit of 30 vehicles per GO Carrier.
- Rebates may cover up to 100 percent of the cost to retrofit a diesel truck up to \$6,000.
- Only retrofit equipment purchased on or after October 1, 2008 is eligible for rebate.

GO SHIPPER EXPECTATIONS AND BENEFITS

Shippers wishing to reduce emissions from related goods movement through the Port of Virginia can join the Green Operators (GO) program by voluntarily committing to ship a percentage of freight complimentary to corporate objectives with GO Carriers. GO Shippers are eligible to use GO logos and other marketing materials, receive recognition in the Maritimer magazine and on the GO program website.

GO SHIPPER PARTICIPATION

- Shippers must submit a GO Program Letter of Intent expressing the desire to join the program.
- Shippers should report progress annually including containers/loads shipped using GO Carriers.

GO SHIPPER BENEFITS

- Added to the Virginia Port Authority Green Shippers list. This list is made available by the Port to Carriers who use its facilities.
- Permitted to use GO logos and other educational, promotional, and media materials.
- Highlighted on the GO program website.
- Included in the Virginia Maritimer magazine Green Shipper list.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.portofvirginia.com/corporate/environment/go-program.aspx>, or contact Heather Mantz, Virginia Port Authority Director of Environmental Affairs, at (757) 683-2152 or greenoperator@portofvirginia.com.

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