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Amtrak California locomotives to exceed EPA emission standards

The [California Department of Transportation's](#) (Caltrans) intercity passenger-rail program will be the first in the nation to start converting a fleet of locomotives to emission-control standards exceeding current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements, Caltrans officials said in a prepared statement.

Caltrans will use \$190 million in federal stimulus funds to modernize [Amtrak California](#) locomotives, renovate existing cars and purchase new equipment by 2015, officials said. The retrofitted locomotives will operate on the San Joaquin and Capitol Corridor routes.

The project calls for retrofitting 3,200-horsepower locomotive engines with emission-control equipment. The new EPA 710 EOC Repower engine upgrade includes an automatic engine start/stop system designed to reduce fuel and oil usage by eliminating idling time and emissions.

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Smog-forming emissions will be reduced by 43 percent, hydrocarbon emissions will be cut by 84 percent and diesel particulate emissions will be trimmed by 78 percent, Caltrans officials said.

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