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PRESS RELEASE

MARAMA Recognized by U.S. EPA as a 2017 SmartWay Affiliate Challenge Honoree

Baltimore, Maryland – *April 20, 2017* The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) has been named a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2017 SmartWay Affiliate Challenge Honoree. EPA recognized MARAMA on Earth Day as one of nine organizations nationwide to earn this honor.

“EPA commends the SmartWay Affiliate Challenge honorees for their extraordinary level of commitment and enthusiasm in supporting more efficient and sustainable business practices in moving goods,” said Christopher Grundler, Director of EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality. “These organizations represent diverse industry sectors and stakeholders who believe that American prosperity can be preserved while protecting the environment.”

“MARAMA works to promote the SmartWay Transport Partnership by identifying potential carriers, hosting educational webinars or meetings, and providing ongoing information to MARAMA members. We are proud of this partnership and pleased to win this award,” said Mike Dowd. “The SmartWay program and other efforts of the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative have been very valuable in improving regional air quality and promoting awareness of green freight practices. We hope to continue this important work moving forward.” Mr. Dowd chairs the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative and is a MARAMA Board Member.

The national SmartWay Affiliate Challenge recognizes organizations that contribute to public health and economic efficiency by reaching out to inform and educate businesses, government agencies, and communities about how to reduce freight emissions and adopt more sustainable business practices.

“MARAMA supports the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative and SmartWay to improve regional air quality and protect public health,” said Susan Wierman, Executive Director of MARAMA. “MARAMA’s ongoing diesel truck replacement programs provide funding from EPA grants to

help reduce diesel emissions from drayage trucks serving Mid-Atlantic ports. In 2016 MARAMA helped several carriers understand SmartWay benefits, hosted educational webinars, and held an informational meeting to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative.”

About SmartWay

EPA launched SmartWay in collaboration with business stakeholders to strengthen competitiveness and energy efficiency while contributing to cleaner air. Since 2004, over 3,500 companies have relied upon SmartWay data and assistance to lean their supply chains while shrinking their environmental footprints. Collectively, SmartWay partners have saved \$27.8 billion in fuel costs, while cutting over 1.7 million tons of NOx, 70 thousand tons of PM_{2.5} and 84 million metric tons of carbon from our nation’s freight transportation networks.

About MARAMA and the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, Inc. is a voluntary, non-profit association of ten state and local air pollution control agencies. Two MARAMA member agencies—the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control—are also SmartWay Affiliates.

The Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative is a partnership between leaders from federal, state, and local government, the private sector, and environmental groups in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The Collaborative is part of an overall national campaign to reduce diesel emissions.

More information on SmartWay:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartway/>

<https://www.epa.gov/smartway/smartway-program-successes>

More information on MARAMA and the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative:

<http://www.marama.org>

<http://www.dieselmidatlantic.org>