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To: Deans, Directors, Department Heads
From: Joyce Hatch, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance
Subject: Idling Motor Vehicle Compliance Policy
Date: April 20, 2005

On Friday March 30, 2005, the Chancellor received a Notice of Noncompliance from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Notice was issued based upon an observation that an unattended University vehicle was left idling for in excess of five minutes. **This is a violation of Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulation 310 CMR 7.11. This regulation states, "No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the unnecessary operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a foreseeable period of time in excess of five minutes."**

Department Responsibilities:

In response to this Notice, the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHS) developed a Motor Vehicle Idling Awareness Program. **It is the responsibility of each department which owns and operates University vehicles to insure that:**

- every operator is aware of this Regulation
- every operator has completed the Motor Vehicle Idling Policy training session

EHS has developed a training module for this policy, which can be accessed at <http://ehstrain.admin.umass.edu>.

EHS must report back to the DEP by April 29, 2005 describing the campus' level of compliance with this new policy in order to comply with the Notice of Noncompliance. Please take the time to ensure that every University operator under your purview is made aware of this policy and completes the required training session. If anyone has trouble accessing the training, please contact the EHS office at 5-2682.

cc: Chancellor
Provost
Chief Information Officer
Vice Chancellors
Athletic Director

For Your Information: Idling vehicles contribute unnecessarily to air pollution in the form of the hazardous air pollutants found in automobile exhaust. Idling vehicles also cost the University money in unnecessary operating expenses. ***If every University vehicle idled for just 10 minutes less per day, the University would***

save an estimated 14,300 gallons of fuel worth more than \$30,250.00 per year.