Take a Break from the Exhaust

The South Carolina Energy Office has partnered with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to utilize the Take a Break from the Exhaust (TABFTE) program, which won the Governor's Pollution Prevention Award in 2003. TABFTE is a web-based program that allows users to log-in and verify their pollution prevention activities related to mobile source emissions. The program tracks whether participants did activities such as ridesharing, telecommmuting, or walking to lunch and assigns point values for those activities, which allows for a friendly competition between co-workers. The program is available to the public free, and can allow any organization to track the positive benefits of using gas saving techniques. The Energy Office staff began utilizing the program at the beginning of ozone action season in May 2005, and saw that they saved almost 8,000 miles. For more information on this program, please contact Jack Porter porterje@dhec.sc.gov or 803.898.3829.

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