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Ag Commissioner Gipson Applauds Federal Action to Bring Relief to Farmers and Truckers

JACKSON, Miss. – Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson commended the Trump Administration and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for taking decisive action to address ongoing issues with Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) systems that have burdened farmers, truckers, motor coach operators and other diesel equipment operators nationwide.

“This is exactly the kind of commonsense leadership America’s farmers and truckers need,” said Commissioner Gipson. “By removing the DEF sensor requirement for all diesel equipment, costly DEF system failures will be less of a concern. By cutting unnecessary red tape, the Trump Administration is putting hardworking Americans first and helping keep our agriculture industry moving.”

According to the EPA, most on-road diesel trucks and many types of nonroad equipment, such as tractors and construction machinery, have used selective catalytic reduction systems that inject DEF into exhaust streams to reduce NO_x emissions. When DEF ran out or there was an unexpected mechanical failure, systems forced a vehicle to drastically reduce speed or become inoperable. In many cases, vehicles were limited to as little as five miles per hour within hours of a DEF-related fault. This caused needless frustration, operational delays and real economic hardship for operators. Under the Trump EPA’s August 2025 guidance, major changes were undertaken. Heavy-duty trucks should now only receive a warning light for 650 miles or 10 hours after a fault is detected. Following that time, the engine will only mildly derate, allowing trucks to operate normally and without speed limits for up to 4,200 miles or two work weeks. Only after about four work weeks does the speed drop to 25 mph until repairs are made.

In addition to the EPA’s August 2025 guidance, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced sweeping changes, so that starting with model year 2027, all new diesel on-road trucks must be engineered to avoid sudden and severe power loss after running out of DEF. This latest guidance to remove DEF sensor requirements is expected to save farmers \$4.4 billion and Americans more than \$13 billion annually while improving productivity across the agriculture and transportation sectors.

Commissioner Gipson emphasized that the move would provide immediate relief for Mississippi producers who depend on reliable equipment during critical planting and harvest seasons. “Farmers and truck drivers should not have their vehicles shut down simply because a sensor isn’t functioning properly. We appreciate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for listening to the concerns of rural America and taking meaningful steps to support those who feed and fuel our nation,” Gipson added.

For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/trump-administration-announces-latest-action-address-diesel-exhaust-fluid-def-system>.

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