

EL CAJON GRADING & ENGINEERING CO., INC.



General Engineering Contractor

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California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
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Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board:

El Cajon Grading has been in business since 1972. We own 21 pieces of off-road diesel construction equipment and we employ 23 people whose families depend on us and our survival.

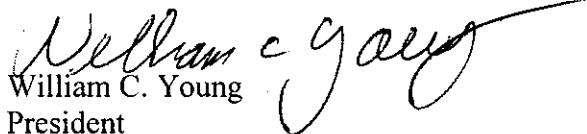
The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is currently considering the adoption of off-road diesel regulations that, if implemented as presently drafted, would have a profound, negative impact on our company and employees, on California's infrastructure rebuilding efforts, the health of the state's construction industry and its overall economy.

To be clear: El Cajon grading is very supportive of reducing particulate matter (PM) and NOx emissions from diesel engines. In fact, using the Carl Moyer program over the past five years in Southern California alone, the construction industry has replaced more than 1,000 high polluting engines, resulting in a reduction of more than 3,787 tons of pollution every year.

But the ARB staff proposed rules forces 18 years of changes (as originally planned in 2000) into only 12 years. This cannot be done without laying off employees and could even result in our company going out of business entirely – which means the loss of many high-wage jobs.

We need five more years to allow pending Tier 4 technology to become available and to allow us to be able to afford such costly equipment purchases and retrofits. This will give diesel engine manufacturers time to catch-up with California's progressive air quality standards and help us amortize the massive expense of purchasing new equipment over a longer period, as our own equipment lenders are urging.

Very truly yours,


William C. Young
President

Cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814