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Dear ARB,

I got a note from a friend yesterday who said you're looking for cap and trade input.

ARB must do better with CAP and TRADE - especially with cement. Did you know that Heidelberg Cement, Germany runs 3 cement plants in California?

This company is one of the largest, if not the largest, building material suppliers in the world.

They operate three cement plants in California: Shasta, Cupertino, and Tehachapi.

They have habitually flouted our labor safety rules (among other regulatory institutions) and have landed on MSHA's (Mining Safety and Health Administration's) impact list which is intended to reduce the number of companies that rely on an egregious list of violations as a cost of doing business. If they don't treat their employees well, what will they do for the rest of us?

Did you know that they're bragging in their annual reports that California is being so kind to them when it comes to cap and trade? I do not have time to send you this documentation, but if you contact me, I shall. Don't you think that's shameful?

I have read the letters that the cement industry has written to the ARB. Their letters are weak and contain no compelling data (I apologize, to not write more now, my kid has been chronically ill for a month and don't have time). And the information they have provided is misleading. It would take a couple of hours for me to pull the data together and I understand that you have a 4pm deadline.

Among other things, the cement group lamented that if there is cap and trade for cement, then other materials, such as wood, will displace cement. But isn't that the idea? Let's use cement as a last resort.

Long story short, it appears that when it comes to cap and trade that the State of California is behind China. That is horrific. Please stop kowtowing to these polluters and start doing the right thing for the citizens of California and planet earth. Thanks, Rhoda Fry <u>fryhouse@earthlink.net</u>



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