

July 21, 2009

Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Proposed amendments to CARB In-Use Off-Road Diesel Rule

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed amendments to the CARB In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleet Regulation.

The proposed amendments allow California equipment owners to receive credit for actual emissions reductions that have occurred through economic forces over the past three years.

The importance of the proposed credits for equipment owners in today's economy is huge as it gives fleets the opportunity to make strides toward regulatory compliance without needlessly extending capital. The credits reflect real diesel emission reductions in the State, and the regulatory amendments are a win-win for California equipment owners and air quality in California.

The proposed amendments will not decrease the original emission reduction goals of the regulation as existing mechanisms in the regulation will prohibit retired older equipment from re-entering California, and new off-road diesel engine technology will become available in 2011. The end result will be that these retired machines will be replaced with the cleanest burning diesel engines available as the economy recovers.

We ask that you approve the amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Rule as proposed by CARB Staff without altering or limiting the credits for real emissions reductions.

Sincerely,



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