

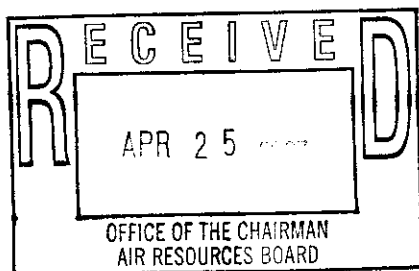
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Dear Board Members:

Recently, the California Air Resources Board released off-road vehicle regulations designed to significantly reduce diesel emissions that would have a significant and detrimental impact on the construction industry.

The fact is, contractors want to use cleaner burning equipment – but we are at the mercy of the companies who manufacture this equipment. We have been pushing the manufacturers to create cleaner technology but without public pressure, similar to the pressure put on car manufacturers, they are slow to make changes. Consequentially, our industry is left in a bind. We are being told we need to retrofit our fleets but cannot meet these proposed regulations because the technology simply isn't available.

So what does this mean? This means that costs of construction will rise, work will slow down and the critical infrastructure projects that Californians want so badly built will not happen.

All the construction industry is asking for is for the timeline to meet these standards to be revised to reflect what is doable and realistic.

If these rules are not changed, we will have highways filled with hybrids inching along bumper to bumper. Meanwhile, construction machines ready to work will sit lined up, dormant on the side of the highway because they don't meet unachievable standards. That is not what I voted for in November.

The Board needs to take another look at these rules and make the right changes for the sake of our economy and environment.

Sincerely,

Klif Knoles  
General Manager