

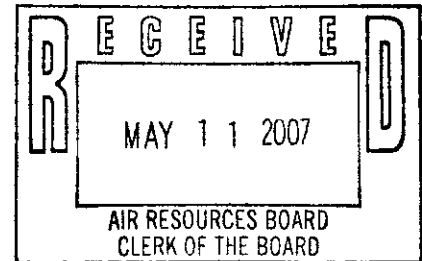


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Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Off-Road Diesel Equipment Regulations-**Opposition**

Dear CARB:

Mid-State Steel Erectors, Inc. is a structural steel erector based in Northern California erecting steel all throughout California employing over 100 people.

We have serious concerns with the proposed regulation. This regulation will have significant financial impacts on all contractors that own equipment. The cost to re-power equipment is very significant, most will not be able to afford the costs associated. Very productive equipment will be forced to an early retirement, thereby affecting the construction companies as well as used equipment values. It will make productive equipment obsolete and worthless and destroys the used equipment market.

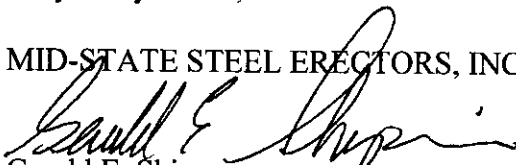
With this severe regulation, operations costs will be significantly higher, which means that bids will have to be higher, which means that the state will have to pay higher prices to complete work, including schools, hospitals, etc. Even with higher bids, the cost of compliance with this regulation cannot be absorbed immediately. It will take many many years to recover from the fiscal impact, if at all.

This does not even take in to account the administrative requirements and costs. The environment in California is causing companies to spend more and more resources on complying with regulations and dealing with tracking and paperwork. I feel that CARB does not look closely enough at the real consequences to our businesses and in turn to the State of California and people employed in California.

We would appreciate a more acceptable solution and/or a compromise to the regulation so that more businesses will not be forced to close down or move out of the state.

Very Truly Yours,

MID-STATE STEEL ERECTORS, INC.


Gerald E. Shipman