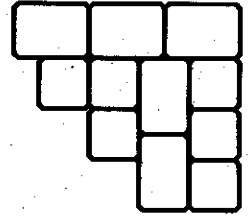


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Re: Off road diesel equipment regulations

Members of the Board,

I have been a contractor in California since 1988. In those 19 years I have slowly gone from one employee; me, to a work force of twenty-six. During that same time I gradually built an equipment fleet as I could afford it. At first, I purchased mostly used equipment that if maintained would still last my life time in business. Under the current proposed plan, in a few years I will not be able to use my early equipment at all. In addition, I will spend more money on retro fitting some of the equipment than I paid for it. I did not have this regulatory obsolescence built into my business plan.

I am not opposed to doing my part to clean the air. The time frame of this ordinance will cause me to cut my business and employees back because I don't have the equipment to support them. Return to the original eighteen year time frame and the extra time will significantly reduce the debilitating effects on my business. This may even give the industry time to develop effective equipment to meet the requirements. Something that does not exist right now.

Sincerely,

Gary Stowe
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