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Dr. Robert Sawyer, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
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**Re: Proposed in-use off-road diesel regulation - comments**

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

Southern California Contractors Association (SCCA) represents almost 330 signatory contractors and those companies who supply them in the 12 counties of the southern section of our state. As the only all-union signatory contractor's association in our region, we are deeply concerned about the impact these proposed regulations will have on our members and the thousands of workers they employ.

Our members are committed to improving the emissions from their fleets, and for cleaner air for all. For example, our members make up the largest single group of companies participating in the statewide portable engine registration program.

The proposed off-road regulation, which will force turnover of virtually every existing machine in an unrealistic time-frame, will have devastating effects on our members. The proposal does not take into account that current technology will not meet NOx requirements and the planned Tier 4 technology that will, will not be available for purchase until 2014-15, in most of the horsepower ranges used by the machines used by our members.

We respectfully request, in conjunction with the Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition (CIAQC) of which we are a founding member, that the NOx portion of the rule be abated by a minimum of five (5) years, to allow technology to catch-up to meet the regulatory goals; to do otherwise will force many companies to replace their equipment two times in ten years—a recipe for bankruptcy for most of our members.

We will be present to discuss these issues with you at the meeting on May 25, 2007 in San Diego. We ask that you and the other members of your board hear our industry's concerns and act on our request to preserve both California's environment and its economy.

Sincerely,

D. Cash Benton  
Executive Vice President



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