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California Air Resource Board
P. O. Box 2815
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Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board:

The California Air Resources Board is currently considering adopting off-road vehicle regulations designed to reduce diesel air contaminants that would have a significant negative impact on the construction industry.

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 that put on car manufacturers, they are slow to make changes. Consequently, our industry is in a bind. We are being told we need to retrofit our fleets but cannot meet these proposed regulations because the technology is not available.

This all means that if these regulations are implemented as drafted, the cost of construction will rise dramatically, work will slow down, and the infrastructure projects that Californians want will be put out of reach.

All the construction industry is asking for is a more reasonable and realistic timetable for these standards to be met.

If these rules and their timetable are not revised, it will mean chaos for the construction industry and frustration for the citizens of this state.

My association represents many construction companies and we ask you to please re-visit these rules and make the right changes for the sake of our environment and our economy.

Sincerely,

Michael Self
Executive Director