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Subject: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7,422)

Re: Proposed Rulemaking - Diesel Vehicle Idling; and Auxiliary Power Systems (#7-422)

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has received the following comments regarding the above-referenced proposed rulemaking.

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I feel this idleing law is vary unfair to truckers. We have a lot on us, without needing to have to worry about freezing or baking, depending on the season. I have sleep issues. If I am not comfortable I cannot sleep. If I don't get the rest that I need to drive and be alert for my shift, then I am an unsafe driver. I am sure this applies to a lot of company drivers who cannot afford to buy thier own truck, and put the APU on. Our company is very cheap, and they will not pay to put APU on the older trucks. Our truck still has 200,000 miles before it is due to be traded. Our company has/ is putting APU on the new fleet trucks, but that is in no way helping the teams whos trucks are not due for trade in. My husband, and I are both sick right now because we had to sleep in a cold truck in California last week, which also makes it hard to concentrate on driving, when you are constantly having to reach for kleenexes. Also we can't take anything for it because my husband has a very low tolerance to any kind of medicine, that make him drowsy. On behalf of all drivers who do not have APU units, and cannot go to the doctor on the road-please rethink the idea od an idle ban. Thank you for your time. A. Sparks

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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