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High Companies recognize the need to reduce pollution from diesel vehicles and to conserve fuel. High was one of the first companies to introduce bio-fuel into its fuel program. In 2000, High Steel utilized approximately 60,000 gallons of bio-fuel in all of its yard equipment. Since 2002, High had utilized bio-fuel throughout their entire fleet. With the business world's competitive climate today, we see dollars going out the exhaust pipe when a truck is idling.

High Transit LLC, the transportation arm of the High, has the challenge of transporting over sized and over dimensional steel bridge beam members and transporting concrete panels for various sized buildings and bridges. These transports require permits, police escorts, time restrictions and curfew restrictions. With these issues, the load's driver and escorts must park at state and city lines for possibly several hours at a time.

To maintain air pressure and provide safety lighting to illuminate the load, the trucks must continue to idle. Our recommendation is that all permitted loads be exempt from the idle regulations, except when parked in a public service area.

We will continue to take proactive steps to reduce pollution. It is our view that the benefits of an idle ban will be offset by enhanced safety risks if the ban is applied to permitted loads.

Thank you

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