

Combined Carriers Co. dba Machine Carriers

I am for being good stewards of our environment, however, I am also a proponent for efficient and proper planning. This planning to get us to zero emissions has been poor and improper for medium to heavy duty use from the very beginning. It is impossible to reach a goal such as what California has been laying upon us for the last 2-3 decades without having the industry it effects the most to have a say at the table. The trucks that rolled out with the DEF system are still to this day costly to this industry by at least 3 times in purchase and after market care. They do not last as long and are not as reliable as the generation of engines(combustion) before that. Now, we and the manufacturers of heavy duty trucks have been and will likely be at the mercy of whatever CA ARB, CARB and bureaucrats decide will get us to zero emissions without any common sense or planning to get us there. Programs are worked out to give government grants and incentives for companies and people to use for such equipment and of course they take it to mostly find out for the long term or for their immediate needs it does not work.....but these states and the people leading the charge can say that they have many companies already applying zero emissions, but failing to show the other side of the coin that this system does not yet fully meet their needs.

Until we have the infrastructure to support this type of broad changing system it will continue to fail and fall short of it's intended plan. Why in the world would the makers of medium and heavy duty trucks in WA be held to holding off on making diesel engine trucks until a certain number of ZEVs are manufactured and purchased....this a complete grid lock to the making of trucks and the people who have to purchase in the same manner.

We must have a plan and infrastructure for this to ever be successful! So, far truck stops or rest areas would be the place for OTR drivers to charge these ZEVs and to the best of my knowledge they don't have charging stations for heavy or medium duty vehicles at any of these facilities. Too costly and takes entirely too much energy to charge. Get a plan for that and get it place then work on the trucks being zero emissions. The gap is too wide to be sustainable.