

MR. PFEIFER: I'm Nick Pfeifer. I work with

21 Granite Construction, Incorporated, out of Watsonville,  
22 California. We're a large heavy civil contractor. And we  
23 fall under a handful of CARB rules, most notably the  
24 recently accepted off-road and on-road diesel rules. Have  
25 a large heavy diesel fleet of off-road equipment as well

1 as a lot of heavy diesel trucks.

2           And I would just like to start off by saying that  
3 I completely agree with the need for fair, consistent, and  
4 comprehensive enforcement. It's absolutely critical in  
5 the environment that we operate in, in the heavy civil  
6 construction environment, which is low bid driven, that  
7 there be a level playing field. And I'm absolutely  
8 100 percent behind, you know, fair, equitable, aggressive  
9 enforcement, because that's -- you need that to create  
10 opportunity for the companies who are going to comply and  
11 play by the rules.

12           What I would like to reiterate is a request I've  
13 made previously at a CARB Board hearing. And it was in  
14 relation to a complimentary inspection program by CARB.  
15 Where it would be similar to Cal/OSHA or CHP where a  
16 company can invite CARB inspectors out to their facility  
17 or to their office or to wherever their records are kept  
18 and open their books up, open their facilities up to CARB  
19 inspection on a voluntary basis and be given not absolute,  
20 you know, amnesty, but some reasonable period of time for  
21 anything that would be uncovered to be prepared before  
22 CARB would come back for a follow-up inspection.

23           I see this as being a win-win. It's going to  
24 open up industry to CARB. You're going to get in front of  
25 the companies who are trying to be proactive, who are

1 making an honest effort to comply with the rules. And  
2 you'll be able to give those companies an opportunity to  
3 comply with the somewhat complicated aspects of these  
4 rules. All the rules have fairly extensive administrative  
5 requirements. And it would allow companies to have a  
6 chance to ensure that they're doing the right thing on the  
7 administrative end so that they can avoid some of the  
8 penalties for more the paperwork end of it.

9           Appreciate the opportunity to talk. I'll let the  
10 next person get going here.