

You don't have to go far to find articles making it clear that Oregon is behind on enforcing clean air rules.

Diesel pollution specifically is a major contributor towards health problems, especially in children. Avoiding carcinogenic air is of course, impossible - especially in a state that's citizens value being outdoors year round.

We must act today to eliminate diesel particulate pollution in Oregon for a cleaner tomorrow.

From an article written by Rob Davis for the Oregonian, just this past Jan. 2015:

"California's tighter rules, the country's toughest, are cleaning that state's air at the expense of air quality in Oregon and elsewhere. Newer trucks emit 90 percent less diesel soot, a known carcinogen. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates diesel pollution prematurely kills 460 Oregonians annually.

Health problems such as lung cancer, heart attacks, pre-term and low-weight births, and asthma can be traced to exposure to the soot spewing from old diesel engines.

The shift undercuts Oregon regulators' limited work to reduce the number of older, higher-polluting diesel engines, which pollute the air that Oregonians breathe daily.

Oregon, like other states, hasn't done anything to prevent California's unwanted big rigs from coming in, despite plenty of warning. California adopted its rules in 2008."

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