

Subject: 18-94 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUSINESS AND BUREAUCRACY

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If you think diesel smoke is a major part of air pollution in the Los Angeles Basin, you'll get no argument from us.

Gasoline engines have been controlled for 20 years, but not diesels. And they burn 25 times dirtier than gasoline.

Diesels put 475 tons of pollutants into the air here every day, mostly from trucks and buses.

Fourteen months ago, Channel 2 told of a new commercial diesel additive called D-1280 that cuts diesel smoke and increases diesel mileage.

Councilman Richard Alatorre immediately asked the State Air Resources Board to test it, with the idea of trying it in city trash trucks. They're extremely polluting because they stop-and-go all day.

That test took nine months and subsequent tests will take another ten.

On the meantime, American President Lines, right here in San Pedro... and one of the biggest cargo carriers in the world, tested D-1280 in its vehicles, reached a decision, and adopted the additive in 25 days, flat.

APL said the stuff cut diesel smoke by 50% to 90%. and gave them a net 6% more mileage. Now they're considering trying it in their diesel cargo ships, which take more than a million gallons to tank up.

The Air Resources Board has a budget of \$68,000,000 this year.

If Richard Alatorre is lucky, he may get the ARB to do in two years what American President Lines did in 25 days.

That's the difference between business and bureaucracy.

I'm Bob Hyland.