Emissions & the Environment

A 90% reduction in nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions was achieved when 2010 trucks rolled off assembly lines across the country. Today, it takes roughly 60 new trucks to equal the NOx and particulate matter produced by one truck 30 years ago. In 2012, combination trucks consumed over 95 billion fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles. The trucking industry continues to work with government agencies and other businesses to deliver a cleaner tomorrow, finding ways to reduce greenhouse gases through programs like the EPA’s SmartWay Transport Partnership.

Fast Facts:
- New diesel truck engines produce 98% fewer particulate matter and nitrogen oxides emissions than engines produced before 1990
- Trucks account for only 17% of total fuel consumption in the U.S.

A recent Oregon law also aims to reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions by addressing idling commercial vehicles. Everyone who gets behind the wheel of a motorized vehicle can help reduce emissions by embracing anti-idling procedures, especially around schools & hospitals.

OTA Delivers...

For over 60 years, Oregon Truck Associations (OTA) has been serving as a conduit between Oregon’s trucking industry and the public, government and regulatory agencies and other groups. Part of our mission to help educate and inform our audiences on the topics that are of interest to us all. The trucking industry has made great strides in areas including on-road safety and the environment. Trucks are also a vital part of our economy, providing jobs and delivering the goods we need every day.

Keep checking our webpage for updated facts and figures!