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My name is Rachel Lopez I live in Mira Loma. Our community has for the last 4-5 years slowly being encroached upon by the ever increasing effects of the Goods Movement, rail lines, truck routes, rail yards, intermodal facilities, truck yards and distribution centers.

Our community of Mira Loma has the fourth worst air quality in the world only after Calcutta, India; Jakarta, Indonesia; and Bangkok, Thailand.

In early 1999 because our community has easy access to freeways, vast open land and cheap prices the logistics industry was lured to the Inland Valley. The lethal pollution levels were quickly compounded with deadly diesel as hundreds of 1-million square foot, mega-warehouses sprouted throughout the area accompanied with thousands of diesel spewing big rig trucks. The effects of the mega-warehouses and the concentration of the diesel trucks in our community has made Mira Loma a **TOXIC HOT SPOT.**

Adding to the warehouse, truck pollution is the Union Pacific Auto distribution Center located adjacent to our High School. The intersection of the truck routes to the warehouses, rail road operations and truck staging area right next to the school has made the High School ground ZERO for deadly pollution.

The Union Pacific Rail Yard expanded their rail yard in June of 2004 from 162 acres to 274 making it one of the largest auto handling facilities in the world. The Union Pacific Rail Industry entered into an **MOU** with the County of Riverside on September 9th 2003. The following are some provisions stated in the MOU regarding Air Quality Measures.

- **Trucks were to turn right at Galena and Etiwanda and stay out of the Mira Loma community.**.
- **No off site parking-No off site vehicle parking will be allowed**
- **Union pacific or any other company operating at the facility will direct drivers of diesel trucks not to use any public streets south of Galena St. in order to arrive or depart from the facility**.

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Trucks continue to go through our community, trucks continue to get stuck in front of our house on a weekly basis in the early morning hours and even as late as 10:00 at night. I have pictures to prove it. If this is an example of how MOU's work, at this point UP Rail has earned an "F" no one is enforcing this agreement (**MOU**).

Now we are expected to accept yet another MOU especially when it was negotiated behind closed doors without public participation and one that will continue to affect our already severely impacted community. The Rail Road Industry would like us to believe that they are good neighbors, then why is that to this day we still can't get them to close a gate that will lower the health risks to the children at the high school who continue to breath in the deadly brew from their neighbor Union Pacific. In good conscience we can not call the rail industry good neighbors. MOU's of any type as we have already experienced are not enforceable they are only words on a piece of paper.

We urge you to put our communities and our children's health first. We demand that the rail industry no longer prosper at the expense of our community's health and our quality of life.

We demand, no OUR community demands that the MOU to be rescinded immediately.

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