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August 31, 2011

Air Resources Board, SSD/Freight Transport Branch  
Attention: Harold Holmes  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**Comments RE: Supplemental Staff Report on Actions to Further Reduce Diesel PM Emissions at Four High Priority Railyards (SCH# 2011071011)**

Dear Mr. Holmes:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Staff Report on Actions to Further Reduce Diesel PM Emissions at Four high-priority railyards.

The proposed project in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties would improve the existing air quality environment surrounding four high-priority railyards at BNSF San Bernardino Railyard, BNSF Hobart Railyard, UP Commerce Railyard, and UP ICTF/Dolores Railyards. The project would also reduce health risks to residents of the surrounding communities from railyard emissions of diesel PM.

The Office of System and Freight Planning, within Caltrans Headquarters Division of Transportation Planning, supports ARB staff efforts to obtain and implement further commitments by the railroad companies to reduce diesel emissions and associated health risks around California's rail yards. We support the continued and accelerated introduction of cleaner yard and line haul locomotives, drayage trucks, longer haul trucks, cargo-handling equipment, and fuels through all feasible changes in both technology and operations.

For questions regarding this comment letter please contact Josh Pulverman, LD-IGR Statewide Coordinator, Office of Community Planning at (916) 653-0808, or at [josh\\_pulverman@dot.ca.gov](mailto:josh_pulverman@dot.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,

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