Pre-Tier 4 engine locomotives that move rail cars around a rail yard are often over 50 years old and release HUGE amounts of pollution into our communities. In addition, they are often located in densely populated, low-income, or disadvantaged communities. Upgrading these locomotives with the latest T4 non-urea, non-aftertreatment engine technology would provide California’s citizens one of the most cost-effective, if not the single most cost-effective method for reducing NOx, PM, and other pollutants. I urge the board to allocate the majority of VW funding to upgrading these very environmentally unfriendly locomotives. Let’s concentrate funds to upgrade “Switchyards in Californian’s Backyards”.