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To Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) will conduct two public consultation meetings on the recent pollution reduction agreement between ARB and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and BNSF Railway. The meetings are intended to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments on the agreement. These meetings will precede a special public meeting of the Board to discuss the agreement. The Board meeting will be held on September 22, 2005, in Los Angeles. Additional information on the Board meeting will be provided after the public consultation meetings.

The public consultation meetings will be held in Northern California (Sacramento) and in Southern California (City of Commerce). The locations, dates, and times of the meetings are listed below:

Northern California

August 10, 2005
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Southern California

August 31, 2005
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
City of Commerce
City Hall – Council Chambers
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, California 90040

The agenda for the public consultation meetings is attached. Both meetings will be webcast. On the day of the meetings, please access the webcast through ARB's website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php.

A full version of the agreement and a fact sheet are currently available at ARB's locomotive website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/offroad/loco/loco.htm>. Presentation and handout information will also be available on this ARB webpage and at the two meetings. If you do not have access to the internet and you prefer to receive materials by mail, you can arrange to do so by contacting Mr. Valentine Montoya at (916) 322-6020.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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If you would like to receive notification by email of upcoming meetings or activities related to ARB's efforts to reduce emissions from railyards, please subscribe at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv.php>. At this page, select "All Lists", type in your email address, confirm your email address, and then press "Display Email Lists." When these four steps are completed, all of the ARB listserves, in alphabetical order, will become visible on a separate page. On this separate page, place a check on the left side of "Railyard Impacts" to subscribe to the railyard listserve.

For these public consultation meetings, if you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

We welcome your participation. If you have questions regarding either public consultation meeting or the agreement, please contact Mr. Bob Fletcher at (916) 445-0650, or via email at rfletche@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



for Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Attachment

cc: Mr. Bob Fletcher, Chief
Stationary Source Division

Statewide Railyard MOU Public Consultation Meeting Agenda

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- Introductions
- Background
- Description of MOU
- Public Comments*
- Process for Reporting Smoking of Idling Locomotives
- Adjourn

* Public comments will also be accepted during the descriptions of the MOU elements.