



# Air Resources Board



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## Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in public meetings in Southern California to provide input on draft railyard-specific commitments that ARB would request from Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway (BNSF). The commitments would establish enforceable requirements, tracking mechanisms, and deadlines to accelerate reductions of diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions at four high priority railyards in Southern California. The purpose is to reduce the health risk from exposure to diesel PM in communities near the railyards.

The four high priority railyards are: BNSF San Bernardino, BNSF Hobart, UP Commerce, and UP Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF)/Dolores. Key elements of the draft commitments would require the railroads to:

- (a) Achieve the expected benefits from existing regulations and agreements from 2011 to 2020, regardless of growth.
- (b) Reduce diesel PM emissions by 85 percent by 2020 (relative to 2005 levels) at each railyard.
- (c) Submit annual emission inventories and periodic emission reduction plans.

The draft railyard-specific commitments and ARB staff's basis for the commitments are available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/commitments/commitments.htm>.

The date, time, and location for the public meetings can be found below:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Railyard(s) Covered</u>
Monday, June 7, 2010 6:30 – 9:00 pm	Commerce City Hall Council Chambers 2535 Commerce Way Commerce, CA 90040	UP Commerce UP ICTF/Dolores BNSF Hobart
Wednesday, June 9, 2010 6:30 – 9:00 pm	San Bernardino City Hall Council Chambers 300 North "D" Street San Bernardino, CA 92418	BNSF San Bernardino

*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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After these public meetings, staff is scheduled to release a proposal for consideration by the Board at a public meeting in Sacramento, California on June 24, 2010. At the Board's direction, ARB staff would then send commitment letters to UP and BNSF, requesting their written acceptance.

We encourage community members and other interested parties to attend the public meetings. In addition, we welcome written comments. These comments may be submitted to:

Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager  
Engineering Evaluation Section  
California Air Resources Board – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor – SSD/CBP/EES  
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If you are a person with limited English, there will interpreter services available at these meetings. If you have questions about the upcoming public meetings, please contact Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager, of the Engineering Evaluation Section at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard W. Corey, Chief  
Stationary Source Division