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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

THE DOCUMENT EVALUATES THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2010 COMMITMENTS BETWEEN THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD (UP) AND BNSF RAILWAY (BNSF) TO FURTHER REDUCE DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER EMISSIONS AT THE BNSF SAN BERNARDINO AND HOBART RAILYARDS AND THE UP COMMERCE AND ICTF/DOLORES RAILYARDS

The Air Resources Board (ARB) will accept public comments on the California Environmental Quality Act Functional Equivalent Document (FED) for the proposed project to approve and implement the 2010 Commitments, as revised (Revised 2010 Commitments), between ARB and UP and BNSF to further reduce diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions at the four high priority railyards (identified below). The FED is contained in Appendix F of the document entitled *Supplement to the June 2010 Staff Report on Proposed Actions to Further Reduce Diesel Particulate Matter at High-Priority California Railyards*, July 5, 2011.

Description of Revised 2010 Commitments: The identified four high-priority railyards are located at:

BNSF San Bernardino Railyard:
1535 West Fourth St.
San Bernardino, CA 94211

UP Commerce Railyard:
4341 East Washington Blvd.
Commerce, CA 90023

BNSF Hobart Railyard:
3770 East Washington Blvd.
Commerce, CA 90023

UP ICTF/Dolores Railyards:
Intermodal Container Transfer Facility:
2401 East Sepulveda Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90810
Dolores Railyard:
2442 East Carson St.
Carson, CA 90810

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The proposed project's primary purpose is to improve the existing air quality environment surrounding the covered railyards and reduce health risk to residents of the surrounding communities from railyard emissions of diesel PM. The Revised 2010 Commitments for each high-priority railyard include:

- A declining cap on railyard diesel PM emissions from 2011-2020, irrespective of economic growth and related increases in the number of containers handled;
- An 85 percent reduction in diesel PM emissions between 2005 and 2020;
- In 2020, additional emission reductions of about 35-70 percent beyond the benefits of the existing program of regulations and agreements; and
- A clear and prompt trigger for ARB regulatory and other appropriate federal legislative and regulatory action if railroads do not meet the commitments.

Although the execution and implementation of the Revised 2010 Commitments do not directly and adversely affect the physical environment, ARB has determined that operational changes that may be undertaken by the railroads to meet the emission reduction targets or reduce health risk have the potential to result in changes to the physical environment in the vicinity of the railyards. ARB determined that these changes may result in potentially significant adverse impacts to aesthetics (light), noise, and transportation/traffic.

Availability of Documents: *The Supplement to the June 2010 Staff Report on Proposed Actions to Further Reduce Diesel Particulate Matter at High-Priority California Railyards* that includes the Functional Equivalent Document as Appendix F may be obtained from ARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA, 95814, (916) 322-2990 or from ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/commitments/commitments.htm>.

Comments: Interested members of the public may present comments on this Functional Equivalent Document in writing. The public comment period will be for 45 days from July 5, 2011 to August 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be submitted by postal mail or by electronic mail addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Air Resources Board, SSD/Freight Transport Branch – 6th Floor,
Attn: Harold Holmes, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: on the ARB website for the Revised 2010 Commitments at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/commitments/commitments.htm>.

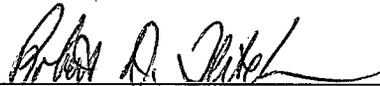
Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

In accordance with ARB's certified regulatory program, staff will respond in writing to all significant environmental issues raised during this comment period and the ARB Executive Officer will consider those comments and responses prior to final action on the Revised 2010 Commitments. After the Executive Officer makes a decision on this proposed project, ARB will post the notice of final action and the written responses to comments on ARB's website and file them with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for public inspection.

Special Accommodation Request: If you need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print, etc.) or another language, please contact Ms. Ambreen Afshan at (916) 322-8522 no later than five (5) business days from the release date of this notice. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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