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As a part of its efforts to promote a comprehensive emissions reduction program, the staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB), in cooperation with representatives from Union Pacific Railroad (UP), will conduct three public meetings to present the results of the draft railyard health risk assessments for three UP railyards located in Southern California. In addition, ARB and UP representatives will provide a progress report on the overall emission reduction efforts for each railyard. The three UP railyards include the City of Industry, Colton, and the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF)/Dolores (located in Long Beach and Carson, California).

Public comments will be accepted up to 30 days (April 11-18, 2008) after the March 11-18, 2008 public meetings. ARB will address the public comments and plans to finalize the railyard health risk assessments (HRA) by May 2008. Upon finalization of the railyard HRAs, ARB and the railroads will begin the public process to identify and discuss additional mitigation measures for each individual railyard.

The date, time, location, and railyards covered for the draft railyard HRA public meetings are listed below:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	City of Industry City Hall – Council Chambers 15651 East Stafford Street City of Industry, California 91744	UP City of Industry
Wednesday, March 12, 2008 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Bloomington High School Cafeteria 10750 Laurel Avenue Bloomington, California 92316	UP Colton
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Silverado Park Social Hall 1545 W. 31st Street Long Beach, California 90810	UP ICTF/Dolores

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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The three UP railyard HRAs are part of a second set of seven railyard HRAs to be completed by the Air Resources Board, UP and BNSF Railway (BNSF) railroads in 2008. A fourth UP railyard (Oakland) HRA will be released in mid-March as part of the West Oakland HRA study. Three BNSF railyard HRAs for BNSF San Bernardino, BNSF Barstow, and BNSF San Diego will be released in late March. The first set of nine designated, and one non-designated, railyard health risk assessments were released and finalized in 2007.

If you are a person with limited English, there will interpreter services available at these meetings. The draft health risk assessments and emission inventories and air dispersion modelling for each of the three UP southern California railyards can be found on the ARB's railyard website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/hra.htm>. This meeting notice is available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/community/community.htm>.

If you have questions about the upcoming public meetings, please contact me at (916) 324-8167 or Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager, Engineering Evaluation Section, at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,



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