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To: Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

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) and BNSF Railway (BNSF), will conduct four public meetings to present a progress report on the overall emission reduction efforts and explain the results of our draft railyard health risk assessments for seven railyards located in Southern California. A second set of public meetings will be held in late June or early July to discuss the written comments received and to provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussion of the draft railyard health risk assessments and potential mitigation measures. The date, time, location, and railyards covered for the initial set of meetings are listed below:

Date/Time:	Location:	Railyards Covered:
May 23, 2007 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Commerce City Hall Council Chambers 2535 Commerce Way Commerce, CA 90040	UP Commerce BNSF Hobart BNSF Commerce-Eastern BNSF Sheila
May 24, 2007 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Barbara's at the Brewery 620 Moulton Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90031	UP Los Angeles Transportation Center (LATC)
May 24, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Jurupa Valley High School Theatre 10551 Bellgrave Avenue Mira Loma, CA 91752	UP Mira Loma
May 25, 2007 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Wilmington Senior Citizens Center 1371 Eubank Avenue Wilmington, CA 90744	BNSF Watson/Wilmington

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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These initial set of meetings provide an opportunity for the public to understand the ARB's railyard emissions reduction program, to obtain copies of the draft health risk assessments, to be briefed on the results, and to ask general questions about the draft railyard health risk assessments. ARB staff will provide an overview on how the draft railyard risk assessments were prepared and discuss the emission reduction measures that have been implemented or are planned to reduce diesel emissions related to railyard operations. Copies of the draft railyard health risk assessments will be made available at the meeting. The draft health risk assessments for each railyard will also be available the day following the meeting for that facility, on the ARB's railyard website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/hra.htm>. If you are a person with limited English, there will interpreter services available at these meetings. The Commerce meeting will be webcast and can be accessed via the City of Commerce website. You may also access this webcast at the ARB's homepage: http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php

We encourage community members and other interested parties to review and provide written comments on the draft railyard health risk assessments and potential control measures to reduce railyard emissions. The draft railyard health risk assessments are one of several requirements under the 2005 Particulate Emissions Reduction Program at California Rail Yards developed by the ARB, UP, and BNSF. The information derived from the draft railyard health risk assessments will be essential to assess and design potential mitigation measures to further reduce railyard emissions and public health risks.

If you have questions about the upcoming public meetings, please contact me at (916) 445-0650 or Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager, Engineering Evaluation Section at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
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cc: Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager
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