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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 a public meeting to present a progress report on the overall emission reduction efforts and explain the results of our draft railyard health risk assessments for the UP and BNSF railyards located near downtown Stockton. The UP Stockton Railyard is located at 833 East 8th Street and the BNSF Stockton railyard is located at 720 South "B" Street.

Please note that there are two other UP and BNSF railyards located south of Stockton and closer to the Stockton Airport. Those two railyards are the BNSF Stockton Intermodal Railyard and UP Lathrop Intermodal Rail Facilities which are not part of these studies and were not considered designated railyards under the Agreement.

A second set of public meetings will be held in 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:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
June 5, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Stribley Community Center 1760 East Sonora Street Stockton, CA 95205	UP Stockton (Downtown) BNSF Stockton (Downtown)

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

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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.

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,



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