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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) and representatives from BNSF Railway (BNSF), in cooperation with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), 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 assessment for the BNSF railyard located in Richmond, California. A second public meeting will be held on July 11, 2007, to discuss the written comments received and to provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussion of the draft railyard health risk assessment and potential mitigation measures. The date, time, location, for the both the initial and second meeting is listed below:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyard Covered:</u>
June 13, 2007 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Courtyard Marriott-Richmond Hilltop Rooms 1 and 4 3150 Garrity Way Richmond, California 94806	BNSF Richmond
July 11, 2007 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm	Courtyard Marriott-Richmond Meeting Room (To be Determined) 3150 Garrity Way Richmond, California 94806	BNSF Richmond

The initial meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to understand the ARB's railyard emissions reduction program, to obtain a copy of the draft health risk assessment, to be briefed on the results, and to ask general questions about the draft railyard health risk assessment. ARB staff will provide an overview on how the draft railyard risk assessment was 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 assessment will be made available at the meeting. The draft health risk assessment will also be available the day of the meeting for the BNSF Richmond facility, on the ARB's railyard website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/hra.htm>.

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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We encourage community members and other interested parties to review and provide written comments on the draft railyard health risk assessment and potential control measures to reduce railyard emissions. The draft railyard health risk assessment is one of several requirements under the 2005 Particulate Emissions Reduction Program at California Rail Yards developed by the ARB, Union Pacific Railroad (UP), and BNSF. The information derived from the draft railyard health risk assessment will be essential to assess and design potential mitigation measures to further reduce railyard emissions and public health risks. All of this information will be discussed in much greater detail at the second meeting to be held on July 11, 2007.

More detailed information on both public meetings can be found at the ARB railyard website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/community/community.htm>.

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager
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