



Air Resources Board



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In June and July 2007, Air Resources Board (ARB) staff presented to the public draft railyard health risk assessments for seven railyards located in Southern California. These were prepared under the 2005 Railroad Agreement between ARB and Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway (BNSF). Since then, ARB staff has been reviewing the comments and incorporating appropriate changes to finalize the health risk assessments (HRA). ARB staff expects the HRAs to be completed by November 1, 2007.

Consistent with the Agreement, ARB staff would now like to meet with air district staff, community members, and the railroads to discuss potential railyard mitigation measures to reduce the risks identified in the HRAs. The date, time, location, and railyards covered for the meetings are listed below:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
November 5, 2007 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce Facility 544 N Avalon Boulevard Wilmington, California, 90744	BNSF Watson/Wilmington
November 5, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles/Commerce Redwood Conference Room 5757 Telegraph Road Commerce, California, 90040	BNSF Hobart BNSF Sheila BNSF Commerce-Eastern
November 7, 2007 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	San Antonio Winery Vintage Room, 737 Lamar Street Los Angeles, California, 90031	UP LATC

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<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
November 7, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Jurupa Valley High School Library, 10551 Bell Grave Avenue Mira Loma, California 91752	UP Mira Loma
November 8, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles/Commerce Redwood Conference Room 5757 Telegraph Road Commerce, California, 90040	UP Commerce

The health risk assessments, emission inventories and air dispersion modeling for each southern California railyard, and the ARB and railroads presentations on railyard mitigation measures 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 this upcoming public meeting, please contact me at (916) 324-8167 or Mr. Harold Holmes, Manager, Engineering Evaluation Section, at (916) 324-8029.

Sincerely,



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