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In June and July 2007, Air Resources Board (ARB) staff presented to the public a draft railyard health risk assessment (HRA) for the BNSF railyard located in Richmond, California. The railyard HRA was 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 HRA. ARB staff expects this HRA to be completed by November 16, 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 railyard covered for this meeting is listed below:

<u>Date/Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Railyards Covered:</u>
December 6, 2007 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Senior Heritage Apartments Conference Room 1555 Third Street Richmond, California 94801	BNSF Richmond

The health risk assessment and emission inventory and air dispersion modeling for the BNSF Richmond railyard, and the ARB and the 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>

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Fletcher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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