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Air Resources Board

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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TO: Interested Community Members, Government Officials, and Industry Representatives

I would like to invite you to participate in the initial public meeting to discuss potential future emission control measures to reduce railroad emissions. These semi-annual meetings are being convened by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) as part of the Statewide Rail Yard Agreement (Agreement). These meetings will be hosted by the parties to the Agreement which are ARB, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and BNSF Railway (BNSF). The first meeting will be held:

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2006
TIME: 8:30 am-1:30 pm
LOCATION: ARB Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://inside.arb.ca.gov/as/eo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

In addition, this public meeting will have teleconference capabilities. To participate by teleconference, dial (888) 658-8648 and give the participant code: 33511 and leader name: Dean Simeroth. For international calls dial +1-210-234-0006 the participant code and leader name are listed above. We will also accept comments and questions sent via email to onair@arb.ca.gov.

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

The Agreement requires ARB and railroads to jointly hold technical evaluation meetings at least every six months and to prepare a written progress report on these meetings annually. These meetings provide an opportunity for the public to identify and discuss future railroad emission control measures that can be implemented in the near-term, mid-term, and long-term. These meetings also provide the opportunity for the public to

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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hear about the latest information on railroad emission control technologies and to explore additional ways to reduce railroad emissions. We are encouraging a broad range of public participation to provide the greatest opportunities for exchanging ideas on innovative technologies and strategies to reduce railroad emissions.

Attached is an agenda with the suggested topics scheduled for the first meeting. Please note that time has been allocated at this meeting to discuss topics for presentations at future meetings. Individuals are encouraged to submit suggestions for topics at future meetings. All suggestions of promising technologies submitted prior to the first meeting will be presented as a list to the meeting participants and will be used to discuss and identify topics for future meetings. You can submit your suggestions prior to the meeting to:

California Air Resources Board
Attn: Harold Holmes – SSD/CPB/EES
P.O. Box 2815 – 6th Floor
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Email: hholmes@arb.ca.gov

If you have questions about the upcoming public meeting, please feel free to contact Dean C. Simeroth, Chief, Criteria Pollutants Branch at (916) 322-6020.

Sincerely,


Robert D. Fletcher, Chief
Stationary Source Division

cc: Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Harold Holmes, Staff Air Pollution Specialist
Engineering Evaluation Section

AGENDA

STATEWIDE RAIL YARD AGREEMENT

First Semi-Annual Public Meeting to Evaluate Future Railroad Emission Control Measures

“Switch Locomotive Technology, Idle Reduction Devices, and Suggestions for Future Control Measures”

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9530 Telstar Avenue - El Monte, California 91731
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Participant Code: 33511
Leader Name: Dean Simeroth

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Time

8:10 – 8:30 AM Registration

INTRODUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND

8:30 -9:00 am Introductions and Background/Context for this meeting

BRAINSTORM SESSION

9: 00-10:00 am Brainstorm Session: Review and Discussion of Suggested Topics for Future Meetings

SWITCH LOCOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

10:00-10:15 am Gen-Set Switch Locomotive
National Railway Equipment Company

10:15-10:30 am Discussion

10:30-10:45 am Electric Hybrid Switch Locomotive
Railpower

10:45-11:00 am Discussion

11:00-11:15 am	Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Switch Locomotive MotivePower
11:15-11:30 am	Discussion
11:30-11:50 AM <u>Time</u>	Break

LOCOMOTIVE IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY

11:50-12:05 pm	Automatic Engine Start Stop (AESS) Electro Motive Division
12:05-12:20 pm	Discussion
12:20-12:35 pm	Retrofit of Idle Reduction Device ZTR
12:35-12:50 pm	Discussion

NEXT STEPS

12:50-1:30 pm	Discussion of Framework for Next Meeting
	Discussion of Potential Topics for Future Public Meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. EPA Tier 3 Locomotive Rulemaking – Line Haul Locomotives• Use of Diesel Particulate Filters on Locomotives• European Locomotive Technology Experiences• Other suggestions from Brainstorm Session
	Schedule Next Meeting