

California Environmental Protection Agency



# Update: ARB Health Risk Assessment of the BNSF Richmond Railyard

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# Background

- Richmond BNSF Railyard HRA part of ARB/BNSF/UP Railroad Agreement (2005 MOU)
- District working with ARB to review results and discuss with community
- ARB presented findings of Richmond HRA at 3 community meetings (6/13, 7/11, 12/6/2007)
- Emissions estimates (year 2005) and preliminary health risk estimates available for railyard and nearby sources
- Discussions on mitigation strategies and future year emissions begun
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# Summary

- Diesel PM emissions from Richmond BNSF railyard: 4.5 tons/day
- Diesel PM emissions from 1-mile radius around railyard: 20 tons/day
  - Diesel trucks (~12 tons/day)
  - Diesel-fueled pumps at Chevron refinery (~8 tons/day)
- Cancer risk contours about 100/million around BSNF railyard (railyard emissions)
- Cancer risk contours about 250/million southwest of railyard (surrounding emissions)

#### On-site & Off-site Emission Boundaries

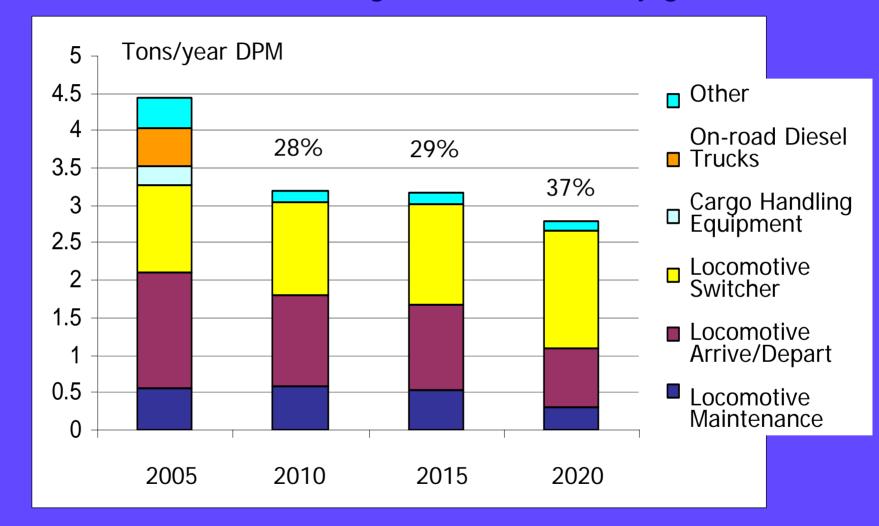


### Approach to Reducing Emissions

#### ARB regulations

- ➤ Fuels
- Cargo handling equipment (CHE)
- Transport refrigeration units (TRUs)
- Heavy-duty diesel on-road trucks and off-road vehicles
- > U.S. EPA regulation
  - Locomotives
- Voluntary agreements
  - > 1998 South Coast/2005 Statewide
- Railroad yard locomotive replacement program
- Funding programs
  - Carl Moyer Incentives
- District mitigation programs

#### Richmond Yard: DPM Emissions by Source Years 2005-2020, assuming 4% annual activity growth rate



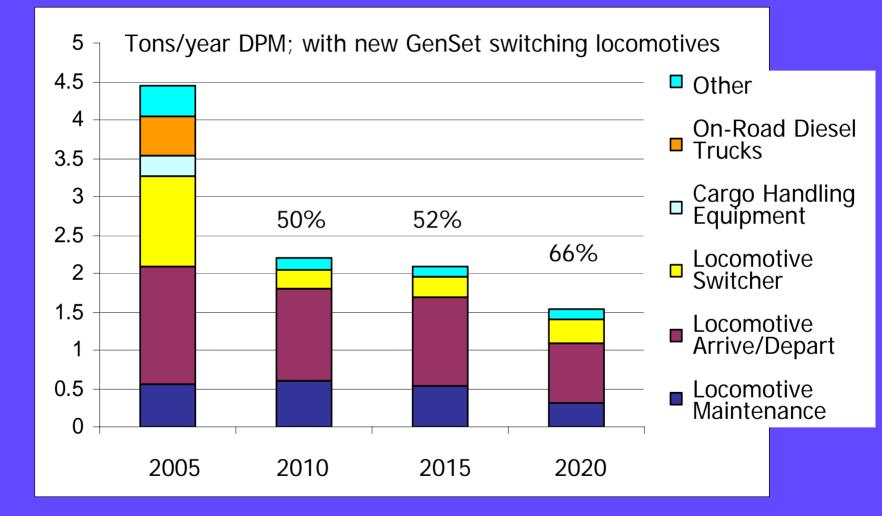
# **Carl Moyer Grant Program: New Switcher Locomotives**

- Year 7 Carl Moyer Grant from Air District to fund \$3.9M of \$6.6M project to replace six switcher locomotives at BNSF Richmond
- Each locomotive has three Tier 3 off-road engines
- Results in 80% reduction in emissions from switcher locomotives



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# **Next Steps**

- Another community meeting to discuss
  - mitigation measures
  - best estimate of growth at Richmond BNSF
- Revised estimates of non-cancer health effects using OEHHA methodology expected in spring 2008
- Community again requested a more comprehensive risk analysis for Richmond, including ports and refineries

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#### Summary of Diesel PM Emissions at the BNSF Richmond Railyard

Diesel PM Emission Sources	Richmond Railyard	
	tons/year	percentage
Locomotives	3.3	70 %
Line Haul Locomotives	1.54	33%
Switch Locomotives	1.16	25%
Service/Maintenance	0.55	12%
Off-road Vehicles and Equipment	0.6	12 %
<b>On-road Trucks and Vehicles</b>	0.5	11 %
Cargo Handling Equipment	0.3	6 %
Stationary Sources	< 0.01	< 1 %
Total	4.6	100 %

### Summary of Off-Site Non-Railyards Diesel PM Emission Inventory

Sources	tons/year	percentage
Mobile Sources	11.7	60%
Stationary Sources	8.1	40%
Total	20	100%

#### Estimated Potential Cancer Risks Associated with the BNSF Richmond Railyard Diesel PM Emissions (chances per million exposed population)



#### Estimated Potential Cancer Risks from Off-Site Diesel PM Emissions

(chances per million exposed population)

