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COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION, AMTRAK SITE
(AMTRAK), LOS ANGELES YARDS, INCLUDING REDONDO JUNCTION FACILITY, 2435 EAST
WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, 90021

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to complete and return a community survey assessing public interest on an environmental investigation at the Amtrak site located at 2345 East Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. The goal of our department is to restore and protect the environment, in part by conducting and overseeing cleanups. Your responses will help shape upcoming public participation opportunities associated with this investigation. Please complete the attached community survey questionnaire by April 9, 2004.

Amtrak is owned by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, known as Amtrak and is approximately 50 acres of irregularly shaped property. Amtrak is surrounded by industrial and commercial properties with some scattered residential areas located northwest of the Santa Monica Freeway, west of Alameda Street and south of 22nd Street. Uses of some commercial and industrial buildings in the area exist through the City's "artists in residence" program that permits joint living and working quarters for art-related activities.

Amtrak consists of an active train yard including their maintenance facilities for locomotive maintenance, rail-car maintenance, cleaning train cars, train repair and some administrative offices. Past activities may have released metals, petroleum products, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) into soil at this site. Previous environmental investigations identified elevated metals, degraded petroleum products, and VOCs in soil at the site. Under our oversight, Amtrak will conduct a site investigation to include soil and groundwater sampling to evaluate the presence and extent of these chemicals found at the site.

Once site investigation activities are completed and the results reviewed by us, we will determine if further cleanup action is necessary. The public will be notified of any potential cleanup measures being considered in future mailings.

Thank you for your assistance in completing the enclosed community survey questionnaire. If you have any questions regarding the Amtrak site, please contact Mr. Pradip Desai, Project Manager at (714) 484-5471 (e-mail pdesai@dtsc.ca.gov). If you have any questions regarding public participation activities, please call me at (714) 484-5354 (e-mail sllear@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure – Community Survey Questionnaire