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AIR AND RADIATION

Ms. Mary D. Nichols, Chair  
Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
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Sacramento, California 95812

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2017, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, urging the EPA to again adopt more stringent emission standards for locomotives. You also stated that reducing locomotive-related emissions and the resulting air toxic hot spots near railyards is a high priority for disadvantaged communities within California and around the nation. The Administrator has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

The EPA received your petition, submitted on behalf of California Air Resources Board. The EPA will review this petition and will make an informed decision on the petition based upon the best available data and information.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact Matthew Spears, who is the Center Director for Heavy-Duty Diesel Standards within our Office of Transportation and Air Quality, at [spears.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:spears.matthew@epa.gov) or at 734-214-4921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Starkley".

William J. Charmley, Director  
Assessments and Standards Division

