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To: COB
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Hello,

My name is Guadalupe Valdovinos, I'm sending this on behalf of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. I want to call on you today to adopt the Railyard Indirect Source Rule, which will require every new and existing railyard in the South Coast to actually reduce their lethal emissions and set a path toward a zero-emissions future. We cannot afford any further delay—adopt the rule TODAY.

SoCal's ports and railyards are gravely harming frontline communities with massive and ever-expanding pollution in the region already suffering from the worst air quality in the nation.

I live in these communities, my family, my friends, my pets, my educators, my local fire department, etc. We are suffering from asthma, high blood pressure, headaches, because we breathe toxic every second. The 710 is my neighbor, the railyards are my backyard. We need deadly pollution to stop slowly killing us!

SoCal air regulators must do the right thing and adopt the Railyard ISR rule today, which is an enforceable rule that will require every new and existing railyard in the region to actually reduce their lethal emissions.

The Air District has the legal authority and moral obligation to adopt this Railyard rule, which mandates that the region's biggest polluters actually curb their life-threatening emissions so that our air quality is closer to finally being safe enough to meet federal standards.

I implore The Board to adopt the Railyard ISR without delay.

The Railyard ISR is critical to reducing railyard pollution in the South Coast and each part of the rule is important to this effort.

The Railyard ISR rule doesn't go far enough to clean up regional railyard pollution and here are five asks for the Board to return to strengthen the rule after the Railyard and Ports ISRs are adopted.

1. Require fenceline monitoring at rail yards
2. Require all rail yards to become zero emissions
3. Require rail yards to build electric charging infrastructure
4. Community advisors should determine how fines for non-compliance should be used
5. Require rail yards to report on new jobs and training associated with zero emissions equipment and infrastructure

I respectfully leave this for your review and do not dismiss my life over an infrastructure that poisons daily.

Best Regards,
Guadalupe Valdovinos.