Context and Framing of Issues: Air Quality and Goods Movement



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Rail Intermodal Flows





Context: Annual Days Exceeding Ozone Standards



USC Children's Health Study

New England Journal of Medicine, Sept 2004

- Lower lung-function growth rate associated with PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and acid vapor
- "By age 18, lungs of many children growing up in smoggy areas are underdeveloped and will likely never recover"



What Are the Health Consequences of Air Pollution in California?

- 8,200 premature deaths per year just from PM (year 2000)
- 2,400 premature deaths just from goods movement
- Other Impacts:
 - 9,000 hospitalizations per year
 - 1.7 million cases respiratory illness per year
 - 1.3 million school absences per year
 - 2.8 million lost workdays per year



Modeled Cancer Risk Excluding Diesel



Maximum Value = 833.41

Modeled Cancer Risk With Diesel



Ultra-fine Particle Counts in Southern California Per Cubic Centimeter

Area	Particle Count
Coastal area	600-2,000
Office Spaces	500-2,000
Urban air	10,000 - 40,000
Freeways	40,000 - > 1,000,000

Westerdahl, 2004



Key Air Quality Challenges

- New 8-hour ozone & PM 2.5 standards
- "Easy" reductions achieved
- Black box
- Local Cancer Risks
- Sources in goods movement . . .

Key Goods Movement Pollutants

Diesel Particulates Toxic Air Contaminant PM Nonattainment Pollutant Nitrogen Oxides Precursor to PM & Ozone Sulfur Oxides Precursor to PM Federal Attainment Deadlines: PM2.5: 2015 8-Hour Ozone: 2021-2024



Diesel Particulates: Contribution of International Goods Movement to Regional Diesel PM10 *



Diesel Sources CARB Health Risk Assessments

Roseville Railyard

> 500 in a million

Ports of Los Angeles & Long Beach
> 100 in a million: 1,135,000 persons affected

> 500 in a million: 53,000 persons affected

Diesel Particulate Matter: Proximity Matters







Particulate Filters





Proposed Site of Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) BNSF Railyard



Nitrogen Oxides: Emissions Trend By Source Category



NOx Baseline Emissions and 8-Hour Ozone Preliminary Carrying Capacity (tons per day)



Projected Cargo Growth: San Pedro Bay Ports



Stringency of NOx Standards

Some Actions That Will Drive Emission Reductions

- EPA Rulemakings
- State -
 - State Goods Movement Action Plan
 - Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement
 - Bond Funds
 - CARB Rules/MOUs
- Local/Regional -
 - SCAG & AQMD Planning Actions, e.g. 2007 Air Quality Management Plan
 - AQMD Rules & Funding Programs
 - Multi County Goods Movement Action Plan

CEQA and NEPA

- China Shipping Litigation
- Upcoming Projects

San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan

Draft 2007 AQMP

Goal of Forum

- Identify operational and technological strategies to control emissions and move cargo
 - Aftertreatment?
 - Alternative fuels?
 - Electrification?
 - Mag Lev?
 - On-dock Rail?
 - Dedicated Truck Lanes?
 - Shuttle trains?
 - Inland Ports?
 - And . . . ????