

Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility Oversight Committee - Quarterly Report

Date of Report	Q4 Meeting, October 25 th , 2006	Report Issued by	Michael Riepe (chair), Michael Smith, Michael Blackman
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This CEMOF Monitoring Committee Quarterly Report is a supplement to the official meeting minutes. It is intended to provide the community, the City Council, the JPB, and the VTA Board of Directors with a brief overview of all unresolved issues being monitored by the Committee. Pending issues are assigned a tracking number and removed from the report one quarter after being marked "resolved".

Current Issues			
No.	Issue	Planned Action(s)	Comment
001	Screeching train wheels on track relocated by Caltrain for CEMOF project. Primary noise sources are Union Pacific (UP) freight trains. In violation of Shared Objective A ("Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours.")	Union Pacific to install rail lubricator at location of noise source. Equipment to be provided by Caltrain. Ongoing equipment maintenance (refill grease) to be provided by UP.	Opened 10/26/05. Equipment was installed by UP August 2006. Committee is monitoring effectiveness. Reports of loud noise continue. Caltrain will contact UP to ensure lubricator is being refilled regularly.
002	Construction debris accumulating on Stockton Ave. near Lenzen. Contractor employees parking on street block street sweeper. In violation of Shared Objectives F.3 ("Construction contracts shall require dust control ... measures") and E.1 ("Employee parking will be located on the east side of the mainline railroad tracks...")	Contractor to sweep streets after debris hauling activity at a time when parked cars are not present. Contractor employees to park on construction site, not on Stockton Ave.	Opened 2/22/06. Contractor notified multiple times. Committee is monitoring resolution.
004	Approval of pending Bylaw changes. New committee "alternate" clause is urgently needed to obtain a quorum when City Council and VTA representatives cannot attend in person.	Bylaw changes to be written and approved by all parties.	Opened 1/25/06. 1 st draft Approved by Monitoring Committee 7/26/06. 2 nd draft approved by Monitoring Committee 10/25/06. Approval pending from City Council and JPB.
005	Shared objectives commitment being weakened for item A-12 (provide alternate method of maintaining engine oil temperature). "Hot start" warming devices will not be installed in all trains prior to facility opening. Committee was assured that all mitigations were budgeted.	Caltrain to revisit cold weather engine idling protocol. Committee requires explanation for why "hot start" devices will not be installed as promised.	Opened 2/22/06. Caltrain has re-written cold weather idling protocol. Now required only in instances of extended cold. "Hot start" installation schedule unresolved.
006	Shared objectives commitments being weakened for items A-16 (limit scheduled maintenance to only daytime shifts) and A-18 (limit engine runup noise at night) due to federal regulation changes and expanded schedules.	Caltrain to provide operations schedule regarding A-16 and A-18.	Opened 2/22/06. Committee will monitor instances of after hours idling, engine runup, and maintenance events. Unresolved.