

Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF) Monitoring Committee - Quarterly Report

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Notes
<p>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".</p>

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. 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 in August 2006. Noise reduced but not gone. Joe Siino reports UP not maintaining lubricator. Joe, Art Lloyd and Michelle Bouchard to follow up with UP on maintenance.
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 Committee, City Council and JPB.	Opened 1/25/06. 1 st draft Approved 7/26/06. 2 nd draft approved 10/25/06. Approval pending from City Council and JPB. Sam Liccardo to follow up for Council approval.
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 run-up 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 run-up, and maintenance events. Unresolved.
007	College Park neighbors are concerned that train washer drying fans will cause excessive noise. Not blocked by sound wall. Potentially in violation of Shared Objective A (Eliminate objectionable noise during nighttime hours).	Committee to observe train washer qualification testing in May/June, and make judgment at that time.	Opened 2/28/07. Do not yet know if this will be an issue. Unresolved.
008	Shared objectives commitment being weakened for item A-18 (Upon opening of the facility, shift overnight storage of the first four outgoing trains to Diridon) due to plans for having train crews report to work at CEMOF.	Caltrain to evaluate alternatives for minimizing noise due to startup and operation of trains departing from Diridon before 6:30 am.	Opened 4/25/07.