

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

Date of Report	Q3 Meeting, August 21, 2007	Report Issued by	Michael Smith (Chair), Michael Riepe, Kay Gutknecht
Notes			
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. 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. J. Siino reports UP not maintaining lubricator. J. Siino, A. Lloyd and M. Bouchard to follow up with UP on need for 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. P. Oliverio's staff 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 operating instructions to eliminate requirement for cold weather idling. Resolved.
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 expanded service schedules and changes in federal regulations regarding timing of daily inspections.	Caltrain to provide operations schedule and updated status regarding ability to perform all scheduled maintenance and daily inspections during daytime shifts.	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 trainwash 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 trainwash testing performed by Caltrain in July/August, and make judgment at that time.	Opened 2/28/07. Committee observed trainwash test on 7/30/07. Fan noise levels not appreciably higher than mid-day ambient noise. Testing during airport curfew required to confirm acceptability. Committee will monitor status.
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. Original intent was to minimize early morning startups 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. Caltrain has reinstated plan for overnight storage of first four outgoing trains at Diridon. Committee will review impact after CEMOF opens.