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Fredericksburg City Council Members:

CSX strives to be a good neighbor in the communities where we operate and we understand the Mayfield community's concerns regarding tank cars in the Fredericksburg Yard. I apologize for being unable to be with you this evening, so I appreciate the opportunity to share some information, offer next steps and am glad to set up a meeting with you.

CSX has not made any recent changes to operations in the Fredericksburg Yard and has served local customers in a similar manner for years. The recent increased volume of tank cars is attributable to the seasonal nature of a local customer's business and they are there temporarily. One of our long-haul, mainline trains drops off a block cars. These cars are picked up by a local train, which operates 6 days a week and is the first train available to deliver cars to local customers. The local train brings back cars from customers to Fredericksburg, which are picked up by another long-haul mainline train. Tank cars are not being stored in the Fredericksburg Yard. This is part of the daily delivery process.

As a common carrier, CSX is required by federal law to all transport all products for our customers and we work diligently to meet and exceed all government laws and regulations related to safe and efficient handling of these products.

If you would like, I can arrange to have CSX officials meet with the City and/or City Council members and community representatives in the near future to discuss any additional concerns regarding our operations in the Fredericksburg Yard.

During my five years at CSX, we have worked hard to address community concerns including idling trains in Yard, work on the Wye track behind Canterbury Rd. and repairing the Charles St. overpass. We are sincere in our efforts to be a good neighbor in the Fredericksburg and Mayfield community.

Sincerely,

Randy J. Marcus