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Mayfield Community Update - January 2023

Idling Locomotives

We understand concerns from residents and City officials about recent locomotive idling on the tracks behind the yard office.

As previously discussed, locomotives are idled when temperatures could reach into the 30s. If an engine freezes, the engine has to be rebuilt or in some instances the locomotive is retired.

In the winter, locomotives are refueled roughly once a week, which is typical done on the tracks behind the yard office. At least twice in January refueling occurred over the weekend. Due to cold temperatures and lack of active crews those days, the locomotives idled for longer than usual during the refueling.

On a related note, last spring CSX provided a grant to the Fredericksburg Fire Department to purchase carbon monoxide monitors to distribute in the community. These devices will help ensure resident possess adequate detection and monitoring capabilities and provide an early response to potentially hazardous conditions.

We recognize that idling locomotives can be loud and are unwelcome by our neighbors and we will continue to do our best to minimize disruption to the community.

Few Tank Cars in Fredericksburg Yard

As described in our December Update, CSX is currently not serving our propane customer through the Fredericksburg Yard. This customer is the primary user of tank cars seen in the yard.

As a result, the daily inventory reports CSX provides City officials of hazard material cars in the yard showed no tank cars during January.

CSX will continue providing these reports to City officials and update the community if operations were to change in the future.