APPENDIX B

Updated Methodology for Assessment of Health Risk and PM2.5 Concentrations at the Refinery near Locomotive Tracks in Fairfield, CA

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Memorandum

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Subject: Updated Methodology for Assessment of Health Risk and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentrations at the Refinery and at Receptors near Locomotive Tracks in Fairfield, CA (11 June 2014)
Amended 15 June 2015

This memo provides updated health risk assessment (HRA) results for those presented previously in Appendix E.6 of the Valero Benicia Crude by Rail Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The original HRA dated 11 June 2014 has been amended as follows:

- Risk calculations reflect use of updated Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) risk assessment guidelines, and
- Dispersion modeling utilizes AERMOD in place of the ISCST3 model.

All other HRA parameters, including source setup, emission factors and emission rates are unchanged from the analysis provided in the DEIR Appendix E.6.

APPROACH

OEHHA, the state agency that establishes procedures for calculating health risk from toxic air contaminants, updated its guidelines on 6 March 2015 for estimating health risks. The update requires explicit consideration of the effect of toxic air contaminant concentrations on infants, children, and adults. The updated OEHHA guidelines have different values to account for varied breathing rates in different age groups. This results in an overall increase in breathing volume over a 70-year period. The updated OEHHA guidelines were incorporated into the original HRA, and are discussed in Attachment 1.

Both the ISCST3 and AERMOD are approved EPA dispersion models. AERMOD is the new standard dispersion model recommended for use by the EPA and many local air quality agencies, including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). The ISCST3 model was used in the original HRA analysis due to the lack of a processed meteorological data set for AERMOD for Benicia, CA. While use of ISCST3 continues to be allowed by BAAQMD for use in HRA dispersion modeling, it is not as easily

incorporated with the tools available for implementing the updated OEHHA guideline HRA methodology. Therefore, dispersion modeling for the amended HRA was performed with AERMOD. The following meteorological data were utilized to create the appropriate meteorological data set for AERMOD:

- Refinery - Valero Admin
- Fairfield – Nut Tree Restaurant
- Dixon - Davis
- Sacramento – Sacramento Executive Airport
- Roseville – Sacramento Executive Airport

The updated OEHHA guidelines require calculation of health risk using a methodology that is more complex than that used in the original HRA. In this amended HRA, cancer, chronic and acute health risks were calculated using the concentration predicted by the AERMOD dispersion model. The resulting concentrations at each receptor are referred to as "χ/Q" (ground-level concentrations per emission rate). Detailed equations and calculation methodologies are presented in Attachment 1. The modeling data assumptions and emission factors are shown in Attachment 2.

SOURCES MODELED

This HRA amends the original HRA provided with the project's DEIR Appendix E.6, and includes on-site sources from the project's November 2013 BAAQMD permit application and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) sources. The CEQA sources include off-site project locomotives operating near the refinery and traveling between the refinery and the eastern boundary of the BAAQMD (Fairfield). The modeling assessment of risk and $PM_{2.5}$ (particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter) concentrations near railroad tracks along the route between Fairfield and Roseville was also amended utilizing AERMOD and the updated OEHHA guidelines.

Results of the amended HRA for the area near the refinery and locomotive travel within the BAAQMD are provided in Table 1. Results of the amended HRA at locations near rail tracks in air districts between the BAAQMD and Roseville are shown in Table 2. Amended values are shown in **bold underline**. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the cancer risk at the maximum exposed individual residential (MEIR) receptor, maximum exposed individual worker (MEIW) receptor, and maximum sensitive receptor (MSR) are all less than 10 in one million. The non-cancer chronic hazard index and the acute hazard index at the MEIR, MEIW, and MSR, are less than 1.0. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations are less than 0.3 microgram per cubic meter ($\mu g/m^3$).

Table 1 Maximum Cancer and Non-Cancer Risk

Type of Estimated Health Impact	Cancer Risk per million (Receptor Location)	Chronic Hazard Index (Receptor Location)	Acute Hazard Index (Receptor Location)	$PM_{2.5}$ Annual Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$) (Receptor Location)
Maximum Exposed Individual Residential (MEIR)	**4.0 Worst case risk at 90 feet northwest of train tracks in Fairfield (585145E, 4234384N)**	**0.004 Worst case risk at 90 feet northwest of train tracks in Fairfield (585145E, 4234384N)**	**0.0024 Near E. 5th Street, Benicia (575444E, 4212595N)**	**0.004 Worst case risk at 90 feet northwest of train tracks in Fairfield (585145E, 4234384N)**
Maximum Exposed Individual Worker (MEIW)	**7.4** (576044E, 4214195N)	0.014 (576044E, 4214195N)	**0.048** (576144E, 4213045N)	**0.075** (576044E, 4214195N)
Maximum Sensitive Receptor (MSR)	**0.25** Day-Care Center (574594E, 4212895N)	**0.0003 Elementary School (574900E, 4212500N)**	**0.001** Elementary School (574900E, 4212500N)	**0.001 Elementary School (574900E, 4212500N)**

Table 2 Maximum Cancer and Non-Cancer Risk at Locations near Rail Tracks in Other Air Districts

Location of Estimated Health Impact	Cancer (per million)	Chronic Hazard Index	Acute Hazard Index[1]	$PM_{2.5}$ Annual Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)
Yolo-Solano Air District (Dixon) (602806 E, 4256360 N)	**2.2**	**0.0004**	**N/A**	**0.002**
Sacramento Air District (Sacramento) (642944 E, 4283022 N)	**3.2**	**0.0006**	**N/A**	**0.0031**
Placer Air District (Roseville) (648208 E, 4289991 N)	**3.2**	**0.0006**	**N/A**	**0.0031**

[1]For locomotive travel, the only TAC of concern is diesel particulate matter, which does not have an acute health effect.

Figure 1 in Attachment 3 shows the location of modeled sources, facility boundary, and locations of maximum exposed receptors near the refinery, using the updated OEHHA guidelines and AERMOD. These locations are slightly different, but in the same vicinity, than the locations originally modeled and presented in the original HRA dated 11 June 2014. The original model utilized ISCST3 and OEHHA factors that were current at that time.

Figures 2 through 7 in Attachment 3 show the source locations and maximum exposed receptors near Fairfield, Dixon, Sacramento, and Roseville, and the wind roses for the meteorological data used in the modeling.

CUMULATIVE CANCER RISK AND $PM_{2.5}$ ANALYSIS

Fairfield MEIR

The data from non-project, cumulative risk sources near the Fairfield MEIR for the screening-level cumulative risk analysis in DEIR Appendix E.6 has not changed. Table 3 shows the cancer risk and $PM_{2.5}$ contribution to the cumulative risk from sources near the Fairfield MEIR. The revised modeling results performed for this amended HRA are included in the Fairfield cumulative risk and $PM_{2.5}$ sources, and are also shown in Table 3.

Table 3 Cancer Risk and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration from Stationary Sources within 1,000 Feet of the Maximum Exposed Individual Residence in Fairfield Obtained from BAAQMD Google Earth Data (includes ASF)

	Commercial Business	Commercial Business	Commercial Business	Commercial Business	Commercial Business	Commercial Business
Address	744 N Texas Street, Fairfield	1350 N Texas Street, Fairfield	110 Railroad Ave, Ste G, Suisun City	106 Railroad Ave, Suisun City	890 E Travis Boulevard, Fairfield	409 Railroad Ave, Ste B, Suisun City
East UTM Coordinate	584489	584598.388	584768	585018.981	585723	585870
North UTM Coordinate	4234104	4234294.921	4233988	4234204.101	4234917	4234770
Cancer Risk (per million)	0	0	0	16.236956	23.902249	9.18
$PM_{2.5}$ Annual Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	N/A	0	0	0.029	N/A	0

Risk from Existing Locomotives Traveling on Railroad in Fairfield (includes ASF)[1]		
	$PM_{2.5}$	Risk
10 ft N	0.082	47.298
25 ft N	0.065	37.371
50 ft N	0.05	28.81
75 ft N	0.041	23.755
100 ft N	0.035	20.381
200 ft N	0.023	13.456
300 ft N	0.017	10.285
400 ft N	0.014	8.43
500 ft N	0.012	7.157
750 ft N	0.009	5.247
1000 ft N	0.007	4.16
10 ft S	0.139	80.176
25 ft S	0.114	66.021
50 ft S	0.091	52.724
75 ft S	0.077	44.487
100 ft S	0.067	38.83
200 ft S	0.046	26.877
300 ft S	0.036	21.141
400 ft S	0.03	17.675
500 ft S	0.026	15.303
750 ft S	0.02	11.568
1000 ft S	0.016	9.305

	Cancer Risk (in one million)	$PM_{2.5}$ Annual Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)
Total Contribution from Nearby Sources, near the Fairfield MEIR	**69.7**	0.10
Total Cumulative Risk Including Project, near the Fairfield MEIR	**73.7**	**0.10**

[1]Source: http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/CEQA-GUIDELINES/Tools-and-Methodology.aspx

Near-Refinery Cumulative Analysis

Table 4 presents the amended risk values presented in DEIR Appendix E.6 in the vicinity of residences near the refinery. The values included in the "Crude by Rail Project" column reflect the updated OEHHA guidelines using concentrations predicted by AERMOD. The values shown were modeled at a residence southwest of the refinery.

The "Total with ASF" column sums the risks from I-680, rail traffic, and the previously approved and completed Valero Improvement Project (VIP), applying the ASF to the VIP Project risk value. The ASF is already incorporated in the risk values for I-680 and the rail tracks. The amended Crude by Rail risk values also incorporate the ASFs in the revised modeling.

Table 4 Combined Risk Values at Maximum Exposed Residence near the Valero Refinery UTM 575,694 E (meters), 4,212,345 N (meters)

Type of Estimated Health Impact	Source of Contribution to Risk and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration				TOTAL	TOTAL with ASF[4]
	Crude by Rail Project	I-680 (at 1,000 feet W)[1]	Rail Tracks (at 1,000 feet W)	VIP Project[2]		
Cancer Risk (per million)	**2.2**	3.47	1.65	2.38[2]	**9.7**	**11.4**[3]
$PM_{2.5}$ Annual Concentration ($\mu g/m^3$)	**0.002**	0.024	0.002	N/A	**0.028**	**0.028**

[1]Values for I-680 and rail tracks are obtained from Table 5 (bold bordered).
[2]VIP Draft Environmental Impact Report, Table 4.7-9, Maximum Nonresidential Location, and the Valero Improvement Project Amendments – Environmental Analysis, Table 3.1.8-2 and Table 3.1.8-3.
[3]Includes Age Sensitivity Factor (ASF).
[4]The ASF was applied to the historical VIP.

Table 5 displays the I-680 and rail risk values obtained from the BAAQMD Google Earth tool. Values in Table 5 have not changed from the original HRA.

Table 5 Freeway and Rail Risk and $PM_{2.5}$ Values from BAAQMD Google Earth Tool

I-680		
	$PM_{2.5}$	**Risk**
10 ft W	0.273	37.642
25 ft W	0.222	30.791
50 ft W	0.172	23.917
75 ft W	0.142	19.764
100 ft W	0.121	16.981
200 ft W	0.079	11.189
300 ft W	0.061	8.563
400 ft W	0.049	7.019
500 ft W	0.042	5.96
750 ft W	0.031	4.377
1000 ft W	0.024	3.467
10 ft E	0.456	62.905
25 ft E	0.37	51.191
50 ft E	0.285	39.577
75 ft E	0.235	32.682
100 ft E	0.202	28.048
200 ft E	0.131	18.313
300 ft E	0.099	13.858
400 ft E	0.08	11.199
500 ft E	0.067	9.402
750 ft E	0.047	6.675
1000 ft E	0.035	5.001

Rail		
	$PM_{2.5}$	**Risk**
10 ft W	0.032	18.608
25 ft W	0.027	15.612
50 ft W	0.021	12.417
75 ft W	0.018	10.372
100 ft W	0.015	8.919
200 ft W	0.01	5.802
300 ft W	0.007	4.276
400 ft W	0.005	3.389
500 ft W	0.004	2.822
750 ft W	0.003	2.061
1000 ft W	0.002	1.647
10 ft E	0.077	44.529
25 ft E	0.069	39.968
50 ft E	0.058	33.357
75 ft E	0.049	28.636
100 ft E	0.043	25.161
200 ft E	0.03	17.603
300 ft E	0.024	13.833
400 ft E	0.02	11.539
500 ft E	0.017	9.954
750 ft E	0.013	7.574
1000 ft E	0.01	6.187

Source: http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/CEQA-GUIDELINES/Tools-and-Methodology.aspx.
The values in the bold border are used in Table 4 above for the contribution to cumulative risk near the refinery.

Attachment 1

Health Risk Calculation Methodology using the Updated OEHHA Guidelines

ATTACHMENT 1

HEALTH RISK CALCULATIONS

This attachment describes the health risk calculations using the March 2015 updated OEHHA guidelines. The approach makes use of the concentrations predicted by dispersion modeling using AERMOD. The resulting concentrations at each receptor are referred to as "χ/Q," or the ground-level concentrations per emission rate.

The OEHHA, which is the state agency that establishes procedures for calculating health risk from toxic air contaminants, updated its guidelines on 6 March 2015 for estimating health risks. These updates require explicit consideration of the effect of these toxic air contaminant concentrations on infants and children as well as adults. The updated OEHHA guidelines now have different values to account for varied breathing rates in different age groups, and results in an overall increase in breathing volume over a 70-year period.

Equation [1] is the approach used to calculate cancer risk per the updated OEHHA guidelines. The updated OEHHA guidelines also require age sensitivity factors (ASFs) to reflect increased cancer risk susceptibility in younger age groups, which are applied to cancer risks calculated over the exposure duration of each age bin. These age-specific breathing rates and ASFs were used in this current analysis, and are shown in Table A1-1.

Equation [1]

$$\text{Cancer Risk} = {}_j\sum ER_j \times SF_j \times ({}_i\sum \chi/Q \times (ED_i/AT) \times ASF_i \times BR_i \times EF \times [1/1000]$$

where:

χ/Q = Concentration modeled for unit emission rate [($\mu g/m^3$) / (g/s)]
ER = Emission rate of DPM
SF = cancer slope factor for DPM [(mg/kg BW-day) $^{-1}$]
ED_i = exposure duration in age bin i [years]
AT =averaging period (70 years for lifetime cancer risk)
ASF_i = Age sensitivity factor in age bin i
BR_i = Breathing rate in age bin i [liters (L) of air per kg of body weight per day]
EF = exposure frequency (days per 365 days)
[1/1000] = Conversion factor: mg/1000 μg

Chronic health hazard index is simply the modeled pollutant concentration divided by the OEHHA Reference Exposure Level (REL) for that pollutant, then summed over all pollutants.

Table A1-1. Factors Applied to Amended HRA Based on Updated OEHHA Guidelines

Age Bin	Exposure Duration (ED) (Years)	Breathing Rate (BR) (L/kg BW-day)	ASF
Third Trimester	0.25	361	10
0 < 2 Years	2	1,090	10
2 < 16 Years	14	745	3
16 < 70 Years (residential)	54	290	1
16 < 70 Years (offsite worker)	40[2]	230	1

[1]These represent the 95th percentile breathing rates. Draft risk management guidance from CARB and CAPCOA suggests that 95th percentile can be used for the age of 2, while 80th percentile can be used for over the age of 2. Due to potential differences in implementation of this guidance by individual air districts, use of 95th percentile for all ages is considered conservative.

[2] Draft risk management guidance from CARB and CAPCOA suggests use of a 25-year exposure period for offsite workers. Again, there could be potential differences in implementation of this guidance by individual air districts, so use of 40 years from the previous OEHHA guidelines would be conservative.

Residential Locations

In the DEIR analysis, Equation [1] would still represent the basic calculation methodology that was used, however, without the use of age bins. "ASF" is set to 1 over one single exposure duration (ED) of 70 years and one breathing rate (BR) of 302 L/kg BW-day, as explained above. Therefore, there is no "inside" summation with the previous approach. As noted above, the BAAQMD had adopted ASFs at that time, but there is no need for the summation approach with the use of one BR and a single ED (i.e., 70 years). The ASFs over a 70-year period were incorporated by a single multiplier of 1.7, representing a weighted average. In the DEIR calculation, the exposure frequency was set to 1 (i.e., 365 days out of 365 days).

In the updated analysis using the updated OEHHA Guidelines, the overall exposure duration was kept at 70 years, but broken into age bins. The "inside summation" in Equation {1} consisted of the ED_is, ASF_is, and BR_is in the first four rows of Table 1. In addition, per the updated OEHHA guidelines, the exposure frequency (EF) was revised to 350 days out of 365 days, a factor of 0.96.

Offsite Workers

In the DEIR analysis, cancer risk at the MEIW was estimated by modeling as a residential receptor and then multiplying by 0.2199, as recommended in the previous OEHHA guidelines to convert inhalation cancer risk estimates calculated for a residential receptor to a worker receptor based on the differences in the exposure duration and the daily exposure frequencies.

Under the updated OEHHA guidelines, this scalar multiplier approach is not possible given how residential exposures are now calculated. Equation [1] is now used directly for an offsite worker receptor, with the following factors used in the calculation:

- Age bins are not necessary under the assumption that full-time work begins at the age of 18 or beyond, thus only one age bin (16<70) is needed and the ASF is set to 1. The breathing rate (BR) used is shown in the fifth row of Table 1.
- The exposure duration was kept at 40 years to be conservative.

Per the updated OEHHA guidelines, the exposure frequency (EF) was revised to 250 days out of 365 days, a factor of 0.685 for an offsite worker.

Sensitive Receptors

In the DEIR analysis, the sensitive receptor with the highest cancer risk modeled as a residential receptor was a day-care center in Benicia, and that result was multiplied by a factor of 9/70 to adjust the 70-year residential exposure assumption to 9 years for a day-care center (or school) site, as provided in the previous OEHHA guidelines. Per 2010 BAAQMD guidance where the BAAQMD had adopted ASFs at that time, this was then multiplied by an ASF of 3 to represent cancer sensitivity of the 2<16 age group.

Under the updated OEHHA guidelines, this scalar multiplier approach is not possible given how residential exposures are now calculated. Equation [1] is now used directly for a day-care center or school site, with the following factors used in the calculation:

- Age bins are not necessary under the assumption the age of children at the receptor are between 2 and 16 years old. Thus only one age bin (2<16) is needed and the ASF is set to 3. The breathing rate (BR) used is shown in the third row of Table 1.
- The exposure duration was kept at 9 years, per the updated OEHHA guidelines.

Attachment 2

Modeling Data, Assumptions, and Emission Factors

Crude by Rail Project
Locomotive DPM Emissions for CEQA Modeling

Year 2015 Annual Locomotive DPM Emissions - 100 Railcars per Day

Parameter	Value	Unit	Reference
Additional Annual Tank Cars due to Project	36,500	Cars/year	Based on Project Description assume 2 (50 tank cars each) per day
Maximum Net Freight Weight	106	short tons/car	TRN Spec Sheet-1
Annual Freight Transported due to Project	3,861,700	short tons/year	Based on Project Description (multiplication of cars * freight weight) excludes weight of empty car
Weight of Empty Tank Car	37	short tons/car	TRN Spec Sheet-1
Total Annual Weight of Empty Tank Cars	1,357,800	short tons/year	
Annual Gross Weight Hauled	5,219,500	short tons/year	Freight Weight + Empty Railcar Weight
Number of Railcars per Train	50	Cars/train	
Length of Line Source	Varies	feet	Model Source Dependent
Average Fuel Efficiency[1]	1005	ton-mi/gal	EPA-420-R-92-009 with fuel and ton-mile information for UP.
Average Train Size	50	cars/train	Project Description
Length of Railcars	60	ft	Spec Sheet
Number of Trains per Day	2	trains/per day	

[1]Based on data collected by the Association of American Railroads for revenue ton-miles and fuel consumption.
Thus dividing g/gal emission rates by average fuel efficiency gives approximate g/ton-mile emission rates.
This factor in all emission estimates has been corrected to 1005 ton-mile per gallon based on a comment from BAAQMD in September 2014.

Source Type - Mode	**2015 PM10 Locomotive Emissions Factor**	
	Value	**Unit**
Line Source - Running Full[1]	3.4	g/gal fuel
Line Source - Running Empty[1]	3.4	g/gal fuel
Total		
1. Emission Factors for large line haul Locomotives in calendar year 2015. Source: EPA-420-F-09-025, April 2009		

Locomotive Small Line Haul - Line Source (As Separated Volume Source)					
Track Length Considered for Modeling	3,000	feet		0.6	miles
Length of the Line Source, L_{RS}	3,000	ft		0.6	miles
Width of the Line Source, W (Width of one track + 3 m on each side)*	30	ft		9.1	m
Source Type	Line source represented by separated volume sources, Elevated source not on or adjacent to a building				
Length of the Side of the Line/Volume Source = W	30	ft		9.1	m
Spacing of Separated Volume Source Along Line (c/c)	59	ft		18.1	m
Starting Location	Offset Half Volume Width				
Release Height (stack height of 15 ft + avg. vertical plume rise)*	45.8	ft		13.95	m
Initial Lateral Dimension (SYINIT) = 2W/2.15	27.62			8.42	m
Initial Vertical Dimension (SZINIT) = Release Height/4.3	10.64			3.24	m
Number of Volume Sources Generated by BEEST Model	51	volume sources/line		51	volume sources/line

*Appendix C3, Health Risk Assessment for the Southern, California Intermodal Gateway (SCIG), Pg 23/89, http://www.portoflosangeles.org/EIR/SCIG/DEIR/APPENDIX_C3.pdf

Release parameters obtained from Railyard studies such as

http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/env_sheila_admrpt.pdf

http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/sr_oak_rpt.pdf

* Average of day time and night time release height for arriving and departing line haul in Table 4-1. http://www.arb.ca.gov/railyard/hra/env_richmond_admrpt.pdf

Attachment 3

Figures 1-7

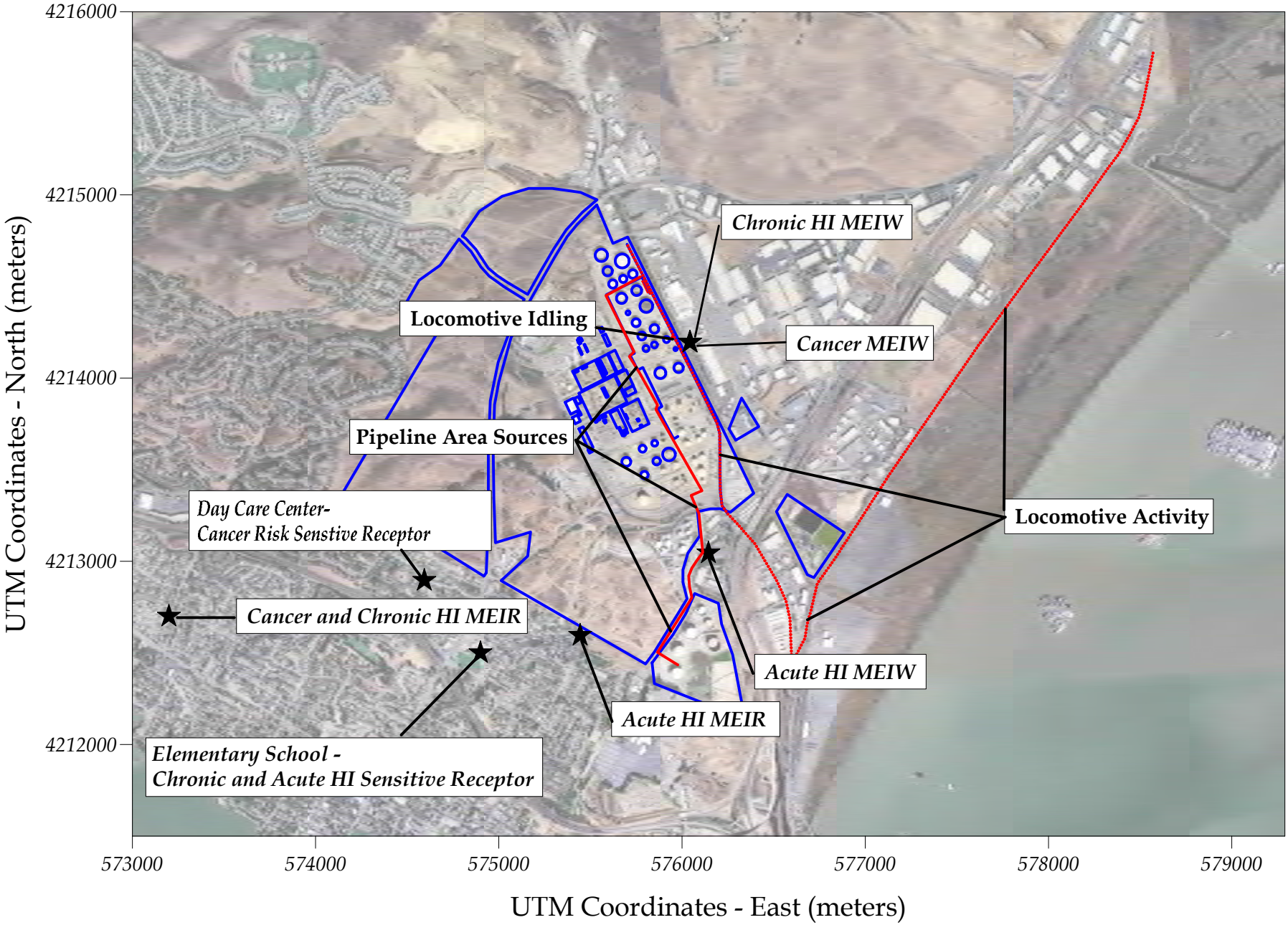

Figure 1

Source and Health Risk Assessment Result Locations
Valero - Crude by Rail Project
Benicia, California

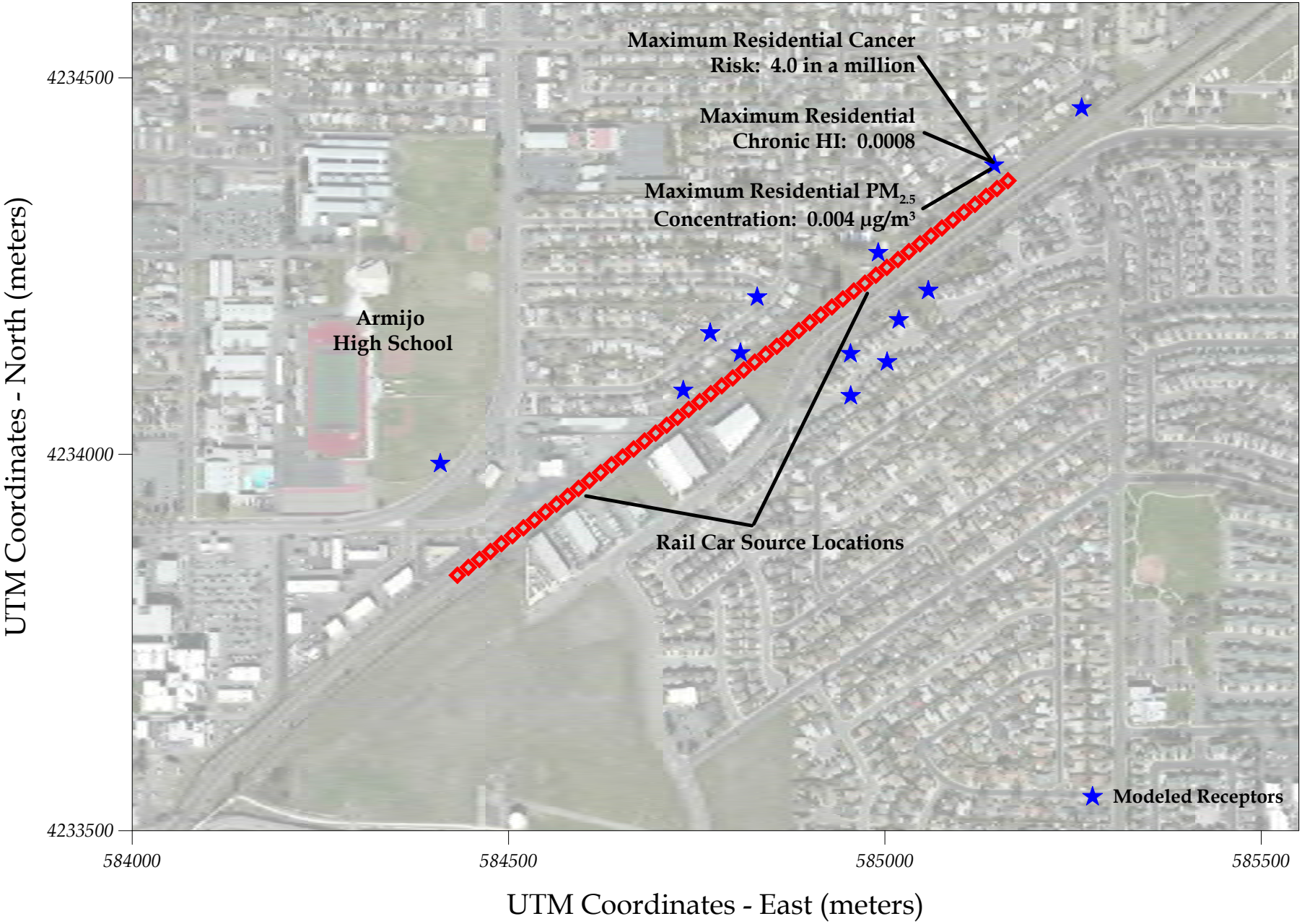

Figure 2

Fairfield Rail Source Locations and Modeling Health Risk Results
Valero Crude by Rail Project
Benicia, California

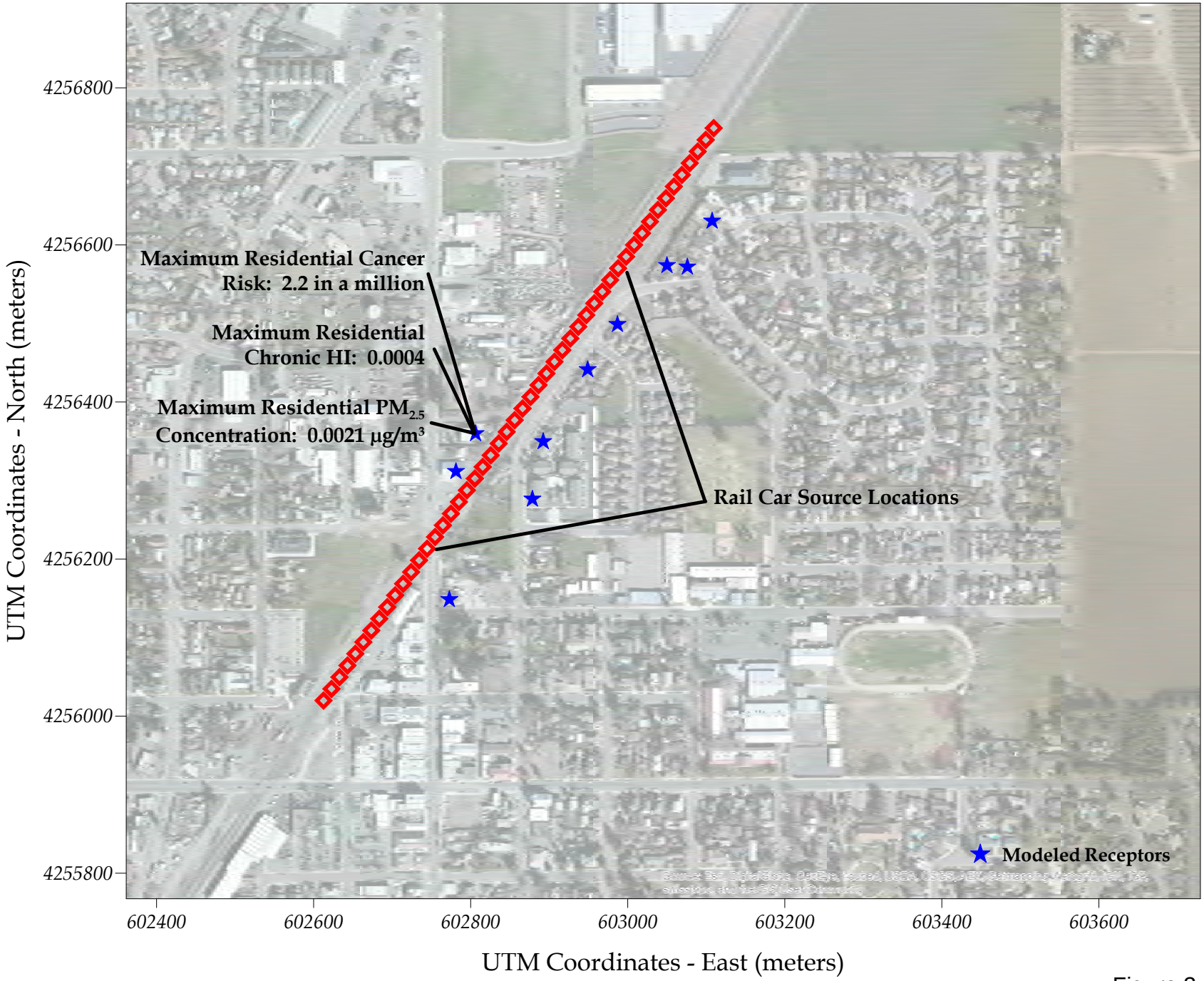

Figure 3

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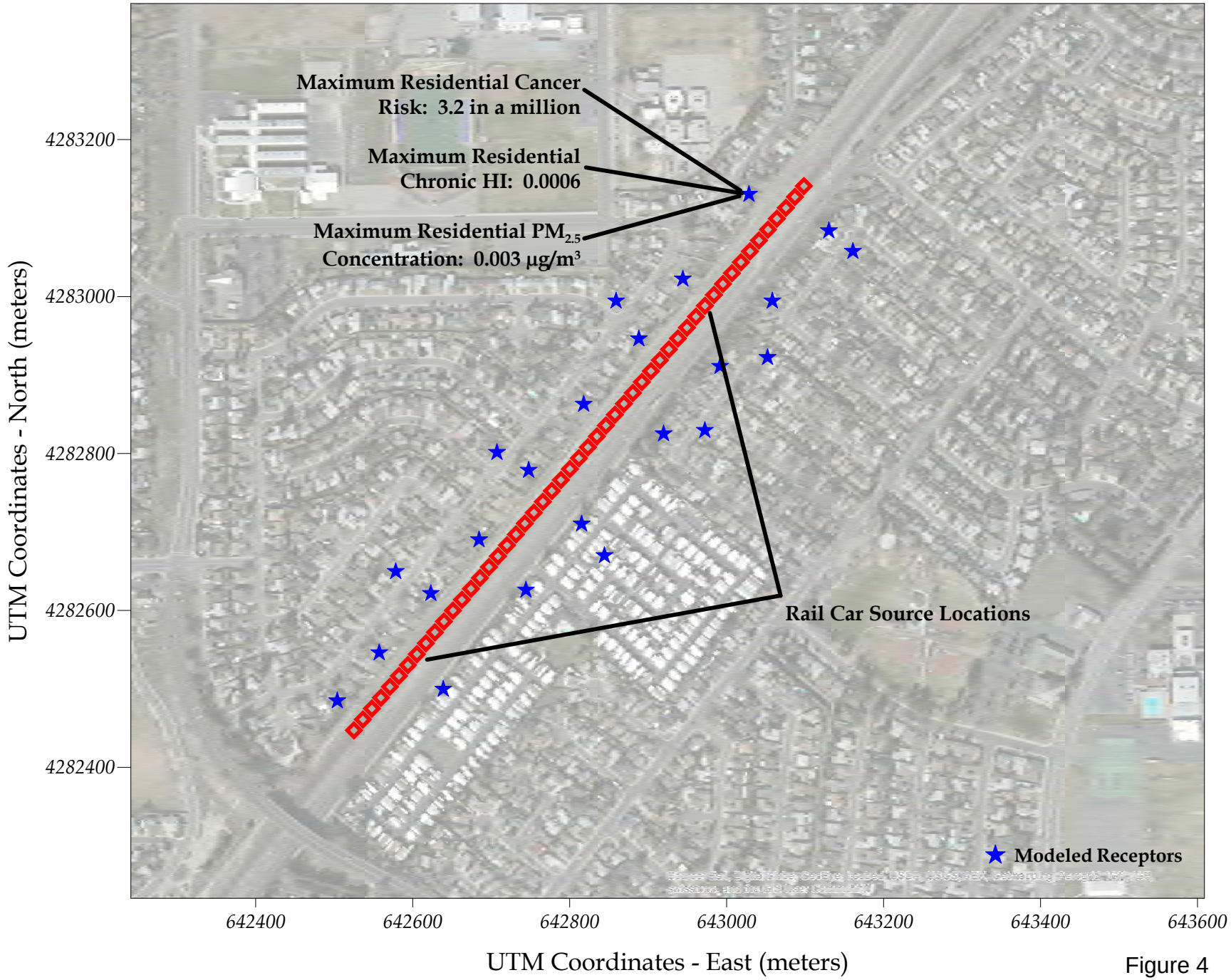
Valero Crude by Rail Project
Benicia, California



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Sacramento County Rail Source Locations and Modeling Health Risk Results
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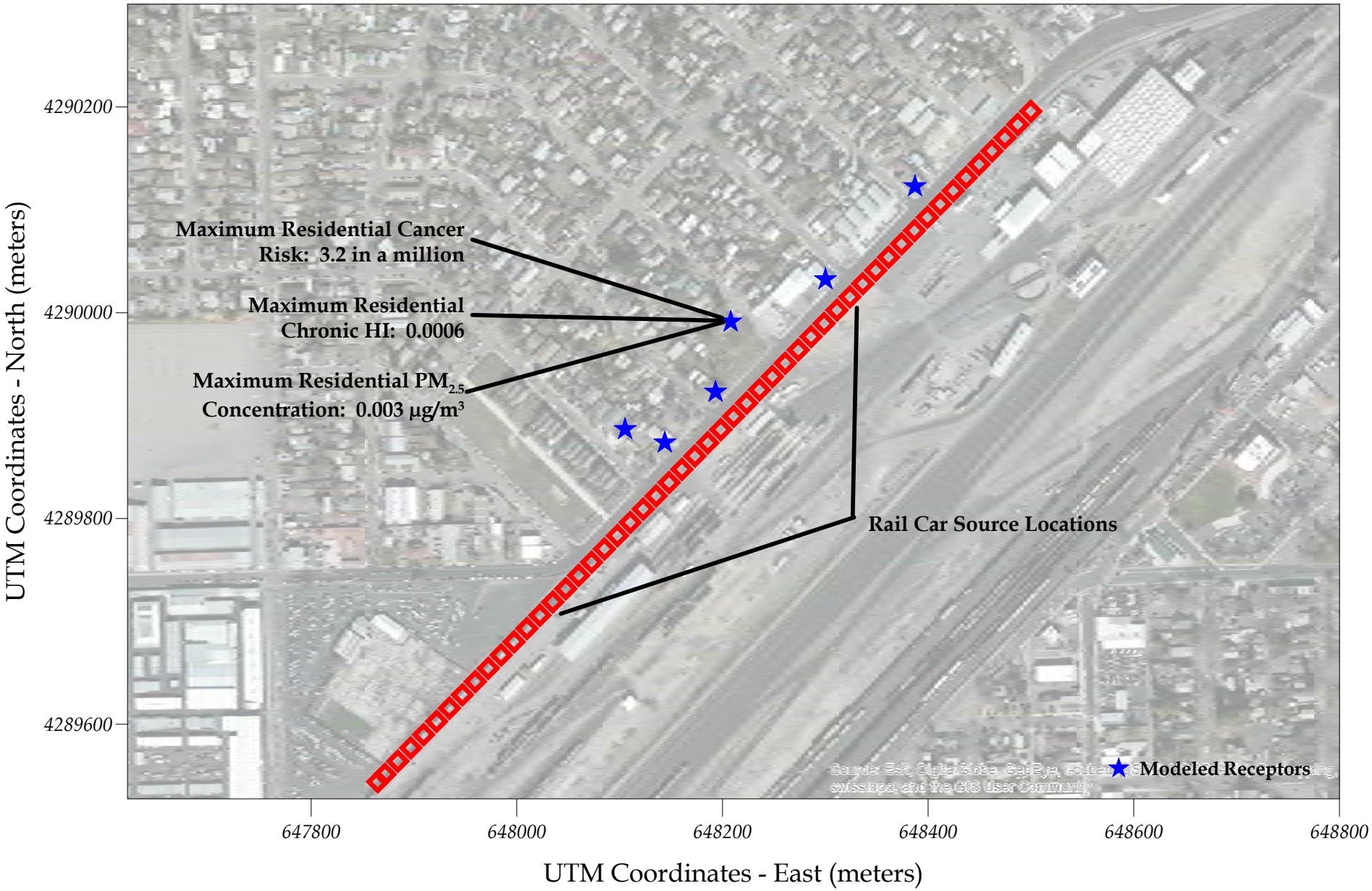


Figure 5

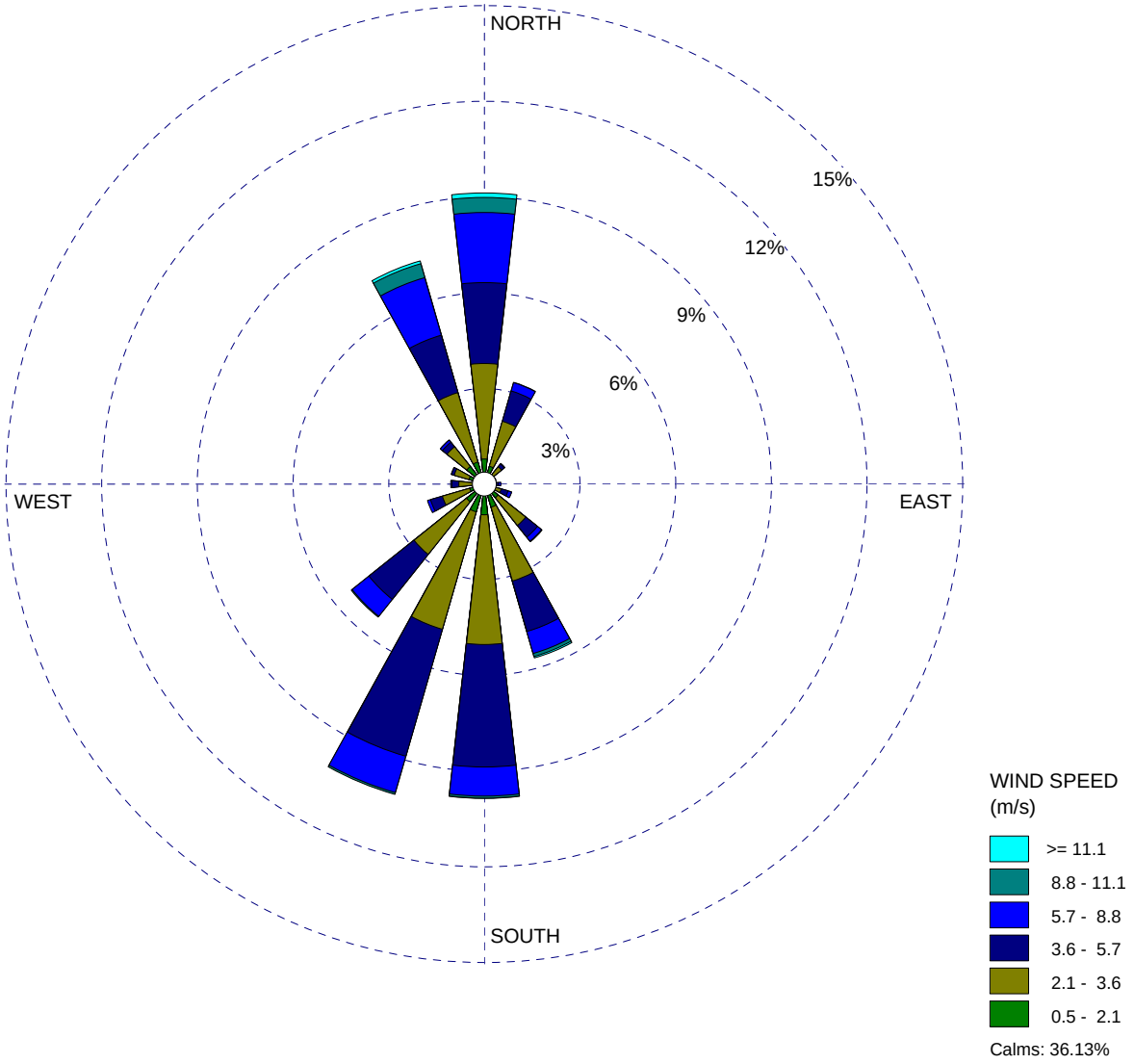
Placer County Rail Source Locations and Modeling Health Risk Results
Valero Crude by Rail Project
Benicia, California

WIND ROSE PLOT:

Davis, CA

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed
Direction (blowing from)



COMMENTS:	DATA PERIOD:	COMPANY NAME:	
2011 - 2013	**Start Date: 1/1/2011 - 00:00** **End Date: 12/31/2013 - 23:00**	MODELER:	
	CALM WINDS: **36.13%**	TOTAL COUNT: **24562 hrs.**	
	AVG. WIND SPEED: **2.25 m/s**	DATE: **6/4/2015**	PROJECT NO.:

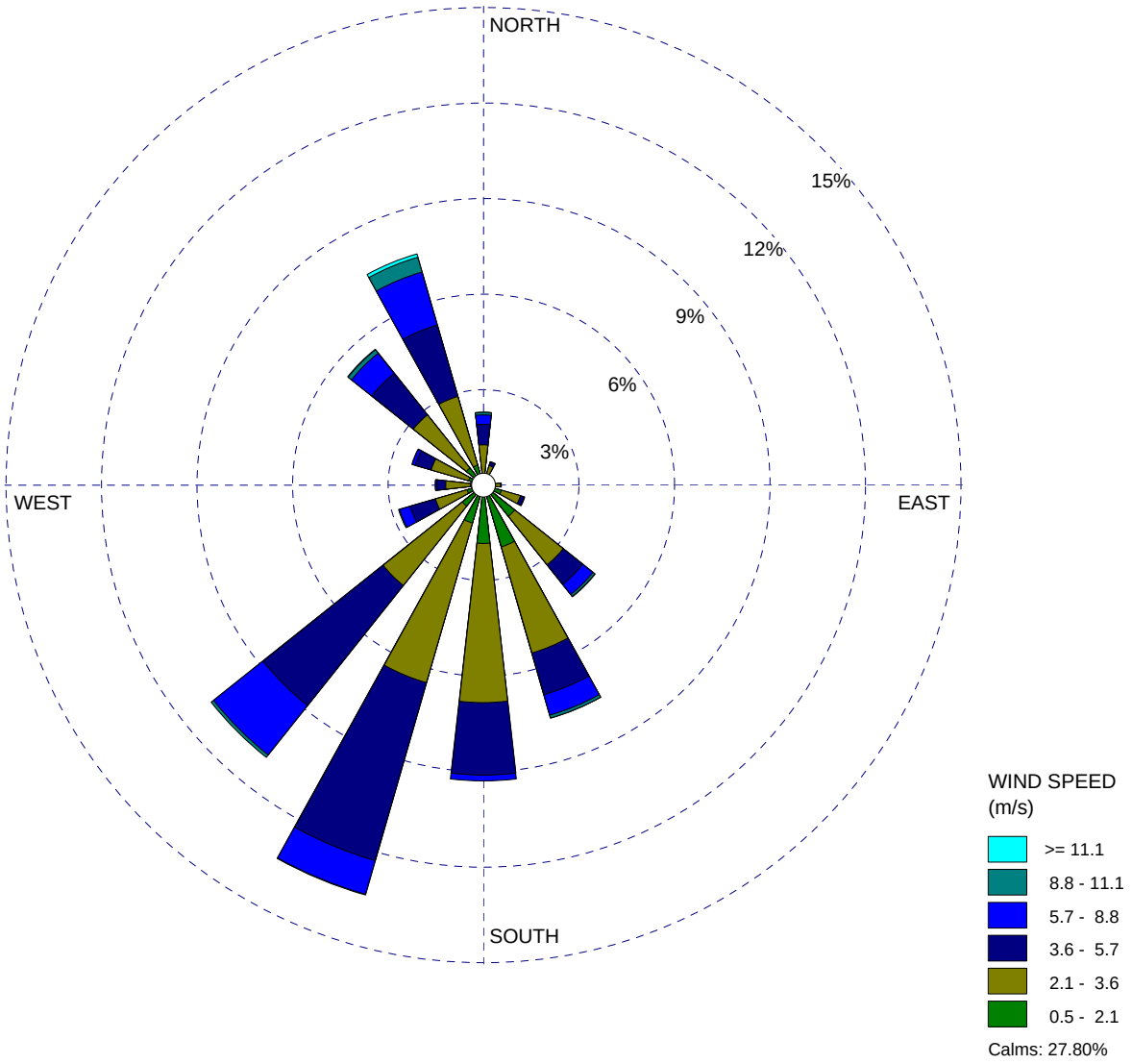
WRPLOT View - Lakes Environmental Software

WIND ROSE PLOT:

Sacramento Executive Airport

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed
Direction (blowing from)



COMMENTS:	DATA PERIOD:	COMPANY NAME:	
2009 - 2013	**Start Date: 1/1/2009 - 00:00** **End Date: 12/31/2013 - 23:00**	MODELER:	
	CALM WINDS: **27.80%**	TOTAL COUNT: **41721 hrs.**	
	AVG. WIND SPEED: **2.61 m/s**	DATE: **6/4/2015**	PROJECT NO.:

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