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Dear Caltrain Neighbor:

March 2015

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Tests are conducted at night to avoid disruption of regular train service and properly record the results. The majority of the activity will occur during a 2-3 hour window at night. Neighbors may experience standard gate crossing noise and horns during this time and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. These tests will occur infrequently over the next several months and additional notification will be provided before the next testing.

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- Eliminating the risk of train-to-train collisions.
- Reducing risk of potential derailments by enforcing speed limits.
- Providing additional safety for railroad workers on the tracks.
- Improving grade crossing performance to reduce gate downtime and improve local traffic circulation.

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For more information:
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