

An aerial photograph of a large rail yard. The yard is filled with various types of freight cars, including blue and red intermodal containers, green and purple covered hopper cars, and brown open-top hopper cars. The cars are arranged in long, parallel rows. In the background, there is a complex network of steel tracks and overhead power lines. The sky is clear and bright. The overall scene depicts a busy and organized rail freight facility.

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