



Environmental Impact Statement



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Scoping the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

I am a new resident of the area. We moved to Barrington 9 months ago. Our desire: to start a family in a small, open community. There are many concerns I have about the Canadian National Acquisition. I Am fully Against it. I live about 400 yards from the EJ & E track where it crosses Highway 14 in Barrington. The 1st thing I think of is noise - the trains are already loud with the 5 thru town a day. Increasing the number to 20+ trains will definitely increase noise, pollution, traffic & reduce safety. Safety is my main concern. Many children live in my neighborhood & the park (Citizens & elementary school are right near to the tracks. The park just received major funding & attention to provide a community area. When I think safety, I think about the police & fire departments 600 yards south of our home. The main concern is the ~~near~~ initial seconds being crucial for fires & getting to hospitals. Every second counts & when these emergency vehicles need to wait 5-10 minutes for a train, that would be the difference between life & death. Please help protect our citizens. The trains will also play a major role in delays for school buses - forcing children up much earlier to insure they are not late for school. Those children who walk to school as are at much greater risk of danger w/ more trains. Traffic is already awful thru town w/ Highway 14 being a major artery for commuters. I oppose this acquisition! If it must go through; however, I believe the ~~other~~ only safe way is to drop the tracks under Highway 14 & do not stop traffic. The tracks should be placed below the street. However, this will not help with children's safety, noise, or environmental pollution.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

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Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

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