



Environmental Impact Statement

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

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MITIGATION IN EVALUATING PUTTING A RAILWAY FOR ALL TYPES OF FREIGHT THROUGH RURAL TOWNSHIPS WITHOUT EIS STUDIES DONE OR COMPLETED FOR REVIEW IS NEAR CRIMINAL, IF NOT CLEARLY DUPLICIOUS. BESIDES THE OBVIOUS ECONOMIC, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION, RISK OF HAZARDOUS INCIDENT, AND THE OTHER WELL DOCUMENTED ISSUES, WHERE IS THE CLARITY ON WHERE THE OPEN ENDED INCREASES IN TRAINS AND FREIGHT END? HOW COULD THESE CRIPPLED COMMUNITIES OFFEND THEMSELVES? HOW IS CN HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR NEGATIVE IMPACT? HOW WELL IS CN INSURED TO HANDLE THE IMMINENT DISASTER WHICH WILL OCCUR? THE MOST DISTURBING ISSUE OF THIS "BUSINESS TRANSACTION" IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED OVER THE LONG TERM WITH NO FUTURE CONSIDERATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. WHY CAN'T A LOWBED TRACK BE AMORTIZED OVER 20-30 YEARS TO GREATLY REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. IT IS TRUE TO PUT ENVIRONMENT AHEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CERTAINLY BEFORE THE OTHERS ISSUES ALREADY MENTIONED. THIS IS DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITIES. COMMUNITIES ARE THE BASIS OF WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE. LETS PRESERVE THEM AT ALL COSTS

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