



Environmental Impact Statement



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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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My comment regarding the CN acquisition of the EJ&E Railroad is that even, other than the horrible environmental factors that could possibly be here that this is an issue where taxpayers are traditionally expected to foot the bill for mitigation. This country does not have the money, the taxpayers do not have the money, we are already being forced to foot the bill for the Wall Street bailout, which is something that our rights are not being taken into consideration, this is one thing, this is just more billions of dollars being thrown on the taxpayers lap. CN should be forced to pay fully for this mitigation for all of the different mitigation factors. They should be forced to fully pay. If they're going to buy this railroad for next to nothing, for \$300 million dollars, and use thins kind of right-of-way, they should have to pay for the mitigation, not the taxpayers of this county, this state, or this country. It is absolutely, absolutely ridiculous that that, and the people that are going to approve or disapprove of this purchase they need to realize that they are held accountable as well. They are employees of the government, they are employees of the people. They need to be held accountable to this, this is a tax issue, we should not have to foot the bill as taxpayers. Thank you very much.