



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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I am opposed to any merger or acquisition that would increase freight traffic or potentially delay emergency vehicles or personnel. It is vital that first responders not be hindered by lengthy trains. Time is muscle in the case of heart attack or stroke and any delays would cause increased complications. Physicians and staff trying to get to the hospital in order to care for critically ill patients would also be delayed.

There is also the issue of increased rail accidents and potential for contamination from hazardous waste spills.

We live in these communities and pay higher property taxes because we do not want urban train traffic.

This is a matter of life and death, as well as quality of life

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