

1 SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
2 NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
3 ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY
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9 STATEMENT OF:

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1 My name is John P., like
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2 Patrick, Roche, R-o-c-h-e, and I live at
3 this fine retirement community called The
4 Garlands in Barrington.

5 And I wanted to throw out one of
6 my concerns, and that is that I worked for
7 a chemical company for years before I
8 retired and had a lot to do with rail
9 shipments of chemicals and dry chemicals,
10 liquid and dry. And there were some
11 extremely dangerous chemicals moving by
12 rail, and they do have accidents. I know
13 that from firsthand experience, working for
14 the Allied Chemical Corporation.

15 And I'm concerned because this
16 whole area is really an aquifer-based
17 region. All of the water is almost
18 surface, like Cuba Marsh and all of those.
19 Some of the chemicals are particularly
20 dangerous and attracted to water. I'll
21 name one, phenol, which is one of the
22 largest chemicals produced, also is one of
23 the most dangerous when used incorrectly or
24 like from a train crash or other things of

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1 that sort. And that would get into the
2 water supplies here, and I think it would,
3 in fact, endanger the entire community
4 depending on the aquifer system.

5 I just wanted to lend some
6 thought about that particular danger, about
7 a railroad accident, which do happen, and
8 also some chemicals which can really be
9 attracted to water and our drinking
10 supplies.

11 So I guess that's about all I
12 really want to say.

13 (End of statement.)

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