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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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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I AM THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE BARRINGTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND A PUBLISHED LOCAL HISTORIAN. LETTERS WRITTEN FROM BARRINGTON'S OCTAGON HOUSE IN 1889 GIVE DETAILED EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE E.J.E BEING BUILT IN THAT YEAR.

THROUGH THE AREA NOW KNOWN AS COBA MARSH, A PROTECTED FOREST PRESERVE - THE RAILROAD IS BUILT ON 30 FT PINES DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND.

IF, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE AND WEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED FREIGHT TRAINS, THE PINES AND RAILS SHOULD FAIL, THERE WOULD BE A SEVERE IMPACT TO THE MARSH. THE NEED FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE LINE IN THIS AREA WOULD BE ENVIRONMENTALLY DISASTROUS.

THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HAS COPIES OF THESE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS TO AUTHENTICATE THIS COMMENT.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

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