

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

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When the EIS presented in support of a proposed corporate acquisition is so flawed, so restricted in scope and so short-sighted in its purview, then it is imperative that the project be REJECTED.

As we have heard this evening, the issues that have been mentioned here this evening are numerous, significant and impactful. A quality EIS statement must completely and fully include all the major environmental issues. These include but are not limited to: ground water pollution, air borne contaminants, noise levels, pollution from train exhaust, pollution increase caused by the increased number of cars and trucks ~~at~~ waiting at each crossing, etc.

Beyond these discernible factors, what are the projected RR industry standards over the next 20 years; what will a reasonable forecast of this area look like both with and without this acquisition; what will the future look like assuming continuing increases in petroleum based fuel.

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