



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 HAVE MANY CONCERNS REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF THE EJ+E BY CN INCLUDING POLLUTION, BOTH NOISE & AIR, SAFETY, HAZMAT INCREASED TRAFFIC, ISSUES WITH TRANSPORTING OUR CHILDREN ACROSS TRACKS WITH INCREASED TRAFFIC, BUT MOSTLY I HAVE CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE ABILITY, OR I SHOULD SAY INABILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, NAMELY FIRE, POLICE, & AMBULANCE SERVICES, TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH PROPER & TIMELY SERVICES. WE ARE TOLD THAT TRAFFIC (TRAIN) WILL INCREASE TO 28 TRAINS PER DAY WITH TRAINS POTENTIALLY 2-3 MILES LONG. TAKING A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES TO CLEAR ANY GIVEN CROSSING, THAT EQUATES TO EVERY AT GRADE CROSSING BEING TIED UP FOR A MINIMUM OF 420 MINUTES MORE EACH DAY. THAT IS ... ALL ROADWAYS WHICH HAVE AT GRADE CROSSINGS WILL BE IMPASSABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 7 HOURS EACH DAY. I HOPE I DON'T NEED A FIRE TRUCK FOR A BURNING HOUSE, OR A POLICE OFFICER FOR A BREAKIN, OF GOD FORBID, I AM HAVING A HEART ATTACK DURING ONE OF THE TRAIN PASSINGS.

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