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RE: **DOD** of No 35087
Surface Transportation Board
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Aside from the environmental impact to the neighborhood, such increased usage would wreak havoc on the traffic patterns in Frankfort and neighboring communities. Unlike Chicago, many roads in this area end in cul de sacs or other dead-end configurations. Also, few viaducts exist in this area to allow for passage under the tracks. This would impact emergency response vehicles (i.e. ambulance, fire and police calls), school buses (we have schools along the railroad route), and significantly disrupt the flow of traffic and entry into neighborhoods.

The result of 28 or more trains per day passing through the EJ&E railroad would be catastrophic. The NOX and particulate load, the increase noise from train whistles and engine noise, and the smell from the diesel would increase by significant magnitude. The overall impact would greatly effect the environment and quality of life in this area.

It is our strong urgent request that the plan for this railroad to be altered, so that the tracks are moved to a less populated area to the south. If this cannot be accomplished, I would encourage those in charge to address these serious concerns by imposing the maximum train traffic rules, whistle blowing standards, and maximum penalties to the railroad when traffic flow is impeded beyond measurable tolerances. These requests are in addition to any recommendations that result from the planned environmental impact study.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Resident

* Every child in this development rides the school bus for all 13 years of their public school education at 5 different school locations - 1 separate buses pass by 2 times per day at varying times!

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