



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 strongly oppose the acquisition of the EJ+E by Canadian National. As the owner of a home only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the EJ+E, I am terrified of the safety hazards increased rail traffic would produce. Ambulances and fire trucks would be delayed in getting to my home. Any leakage of hazardous waste would pollute my well. Traffic on currently quiet streets would greatly increase as people tried to drive around the train tracks. My property values would plummet. My quality of life would suffer. Any mitigations (building overpasses, getting Wayne on city water rather than well and septic, CN purchasing our homes at current market value before that value decreases) are so expensive and complex to be unworkable. As of now, CN has not offered any reasonable mitigation, but expects we taxpayers to not only bear the brunt of their business decision, but to bear the costs of it as well. Big business, particularly foreign big business, should not have this power to so strongly affect the lives of so many US citizens.

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