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Docket FD35952_01 - Deny Great Lakes Basin rail line project

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David Navecky:

I oppose the Great Lakes Basin LLC rail line project.

My 160 acre centennial farm in Grundy County, Illinois will be bisected by the Great Lakes Basin LLC rail line according to the proposed route.

I would like to express my environmental concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project.

The many major public environmental issues which will affect prime farmland in Illinois include, but are not limited to: high speed train derailments of freight trains hauling hazardous materials will cause toxic chemical spills on prime farmland which will permanently destroy the soil and render it useless for crop production; the rail line bisecting the farms will cause much longer response times for police, fire and ambulance vehicles to respond to emergencies in rural communities due to the increased length of time at railroad crossings and numerous township road closures and the numerous heavy trains (100 trains per day) will cause soil compaction and tile damage which will cause flooding of our prime farmland resulting in decreased productivity and loss of fertile topsoil. Finally, everyone in these farm communities will be exposed to excessive noise, noxious odors, and intrusive bright lights throughout the day and night.

Please deny the Great Lakes Basin LLC rail line project from being constructed on valuable Illinois farmland which will significantly impact the corn and soybeans production because large acres of prime Illinois farmland will be rendered useless and destroyed permanently.

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