



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 am against the acquisition of the EJ+E lines by CN for many reasons. First, and foremost, is safety. I am concerned about the emergency vehicles that will have to stop for so many trains while on their way to an accident or between an accident and the hospital. We have also had two young teenagers in our community who were killed by train traffic in the last year. This is only likely to increase with significantly increased train traffic.

Another reason for my concern is, of course, traffic. The traffic situation is **ALREADY** a huge problem in Barrington and will only be a true nightmare once the train traffic quadruples daily.

If this transaction must go through, then CN should pay our town to take the train tracks above or below grade and alleviate the traffic issues which will ensue.

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