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Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
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Via Electronic Submission at <https://www.stb.gov/proceedings-actions/e-filing/environmental-comments/>

Re: Docket No. FD 36575

Townline Rail Terminal, LLC – Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY
Draft Environmental Assessment issued for proposed construction and operation of a new rail line.
SCTM # 0800 – 023 – 02 – 5, 6.1, 7.1, 8, 9.1, 11.2, 12, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, etc.

Dear Andrea Poole,

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services Division of Environmental Quality (SCDHS; "Department"; "Division") has received the letter dated January 5, 2024 concerning the above referenced proposal. The Division has not received an application(s) for this above referenced proposal.

Please note that this response is to reiterate some comments from our previous letter dated July 22, 2022 and based upon the information provided in the Draft Environmental Assessment, which is subject to change once additional information becomes available. Based upon our review, the Division offers the following preliminary comments. However, the Division wishes to reserve its right to provide more detailed information within the comment period(s) established for this action. These comments should not be construed as an implicit SCDHS approval or rejection of the project. All applications are reviewed thoroughly with respect to Suffolk County Sanitary Code concerns by appropriate departmental personnel when SCDHS applications are submitted.



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1. The Office of Water Resources (OWR) has noted that there are potential non-community and private supply wells downgradient of the project area, and the project site is also in the 25-50 year groundwater contributing area to Smithtown Bay. Any potential impacts to groundwater and downgradient non-community and private supply wells will need to be evaluated. When there is more information available, the Office of Water Resources can meet with the lead agency and/or applicant to discuss further.
2. Permits and/or project-specific reviews that may be required from the Division include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The Office of Pollution Control (OPC) reviews projects for any sanitary code requirements for either storage of hazardous waste (depending on nature of waste received) or petroleum bulk storage. A Permit to Operate may be required depending on the nature of materials handled and stored. When there is more information available, the Office of Pollution Control can meet with the lead agency and/or applicant to discuss further to determine if a permit is required from the Department. It should be noted that this project site is in an Article 7 restricted area and storage of any toxic or hazardous materials, as defined in Article 7 of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code, is severely restricted.
 - b. The Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) reviews projects and requires permits for the construction of onsite sewage disposal systems and certain sewage treatment plants. A permit to construct an onsite sewage disposal system will be required if one is proposed per Article 6 of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Ecology at 631-852-5750.

Sincerely,



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