

To the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS),

As a concerned citizen of Eagle Pass, Texas, it is my duty to inform you of my concerns pertaining to the Green Eagle Railroad Construction. The current proposed location for the construction lies within 1.6 miles of the Eagle Pass Water Works System (EPWWS) and 1 mile from Sistema Municipal de Aguas y Sanamiento (SIMAS) of Piedras Negras, Mexico. With this data in mind, in the event of a toxic waste spill from the construction of this railroad build and lifetime utilization, there is a high risk of contamination to the water supply that would impact the inhabitants of Eagle Pass, Maverick County, and the Kickapoo Nation, along with those of our sister city Piedras Negras, Coahuila and the adjacent municipality of Nava, Coahuila.

The construction of a bridge will lead to exposure of toxic chemicals both during and after the building process. The construction phase will include the use of fuel trucks, platform trailers, dry box trailers, pressurized railroad tanks, automobile transporter wagons and bottom discharge tanks, carrying petroleum products including oils and fuels, such as propane and coal products. While this threat is significant, the greater threat however will result from daily use once the project is completed. Upon completion of this construction, transports carrying additional toxic materials pose continuous environmental threats for this builds lifetime use. All of these liquid, vapor, and solid toxic materials. Vapors and gaseous toxins could escape and pollute the breathable air. Liquid and solid materials pose a risk of running off into Rio Grande - Rio Bravo River, which is the single clean water source for over 60,000 US citizens and over 100,000 Mexican citizens in the area. Other water sources in the area have already been contaminated from excessive oil drilling which leads to this river being the main and only source of clean water for all citizens and wildlife in the area.

If the current build site is used, it would lead to increased noise pollution from construction transport and machinery. Building at the current suggested site will divert traffic into local city streets. This would increase traffic congestion on streets that were not designed for high volume of vehicles of excess weight. These streets also pass through multiple school zones, increased traffic along these areas would increase the risk of dangerous vehicular accidents.

To mitigate the risk of toxic exposure, I suggest that a better alternative is to build this site down stream of our only water source to reduce the chances of water contamination. An ideal site would be at the existing Loop 480 South location. Utilizing this area would decrease the issue of inter city traffic congestion, noise pollution, and will allow for reaction time in case of a toxic waste spill.

As a lifelong resident of this area, this issue so deeply concerning to me that it compelled me to speak up for the health and wellbeing of all my community. I am available to continue conversations further.

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