



Mayor's Office City of Peru



Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn: Elizabeth Webster

Re: Docket No. FD 36873

August 27, 2026

Dear Ms. Webster,

I received your information regarding the proposed acquisition of Norfolk Southern Railroad by Union Pacific Railroad. I am submitting my comments regarding the proposed environmental concerns surrounding this acquisition.

- Increased train traffic through Peru will increase the chances of spillage from cars and derailments of potentially hazardous chemicals.
- Air pollution from train engines will increase, particularly while idling during crew changes.
- Noise pollution will increase caused from crew changes (engines idling) and increased whistle noise from additional train activity. I would like to see Union Pacific invest in additional crossing arms at crossings so that the City of Peru can become a "quiet zone".
- Although this is not a "pollution issue", more train activity means more blocked crossings. The City of Peru has only one means of north/south transit when trains are blocking the crossings, which happens frequently. Our only underpass tends to flood during rain events, and if the crossings are blocked that means our north/south access for EMS services is cut off when crossings are blocked. I would like to see Union Pacific help us in addressing this issue by means of an overpass.

Best Regards,

Don Sturch
Mayor