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Wametek Scoping Mtg
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STB SCOPE

I would like to thank the STB for coming to Indiana to hear our concerns.

As a lifetime resident of Porter County I lived in Boone township for 12 years, Porter township for 6 years and Morgan township for the past 30 years. Because the proposed rail line goes through all 3 townships, I have friends and family, many of whom are farmers in all 3 townships that would be affected by the proposed rail line.

***The proposed rail line will slice through many of their fields. Disrupting their drainage, and irrigation systems.**

In 2005 I was able to purchase land and build a house in Morgan twp.

***And now in 2016 I am here because the proposal for the railroad comes within 85 feet of our property line and 116 feet of our home.**

***Noise pollution/vibrations are huge concerns to my families well being, living that close to a railroad.**

***the exhaust omitted from the # of daily proposed train engines, and possibility of coal dust, coming right next to my home is also a huge concern of ours.**

***I am also concerned about contamination to our well water if there would be a spill or derailment.**

I live on State road 49 and the plan also calls for an overpass on state road 49. This overpass would basically be in my front yard, so I am very concerned about ***drainage from the proposed overpass.**

***And the visual effects this overpass would have on our family home.**

***I am also a father of 2 children that attend Morgan township school. The school is located less than a half mile from the proposed rail line. If there would be an accident of hazardous chemicals, the school would have very little time to evacuate our children to safety.**

***I am also concerned that our small volunteer fire departments, would not be equipped to handle such a train derailment.**

Thank you,

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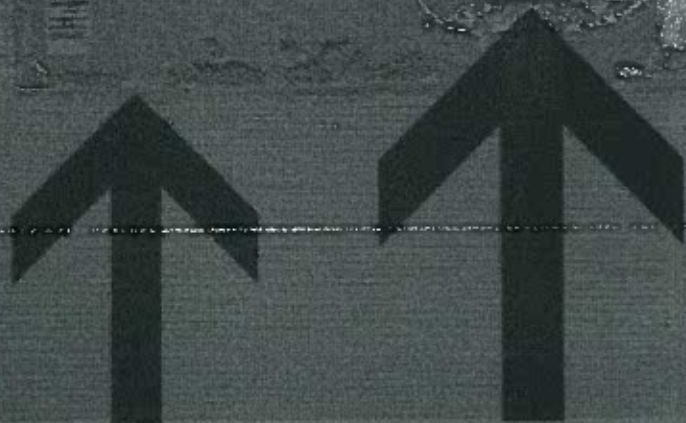


PROPOSED
OVERPASS



STATE ROAD 49

49



85 ft. 116 ft.

PROPOSED TRAIN LINE

49

STATE ROAD 49



85 ft. to property line
116 ft. to house



veiw from current highway 49
concerned with drainage
from proposed overpass on hwy. 49



southeast veiwl from our home
proposed rail line goes between here
and neighbors house.
this veiwl will be totally lost
for an overpass on hwy 45

