

June 1, 2016

Mr. Dave Navecky
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I am writing to you about the environmental impact the proposed route of the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line would have on the water quality of Spring Township in Boone County, Illinois.

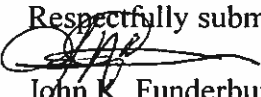
Spring Township has an extremely high water table. In some areas water can be found only three feet below the surface addressing the problem of easy pollution. Careful planning with the use of agriculture chemicals by the local farming community and strict requirements for household septic systems has allowed the ground water in this area to remain pollution free.

Should the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line be permitted to cross Spring Township, this water supply would become polluted from runoff of passing rail cars and when a railroad accident occurs, this source of clean water would be lost for decades. Thousands of residents would loose their ability to have pollution free drinking water.

To back up my claims, I refer you to the book "Geology For Planning In Boone and Winnebago Counties" written by Richard Berg, John Kempton, and Amy Stecyk. A summary of this book can be found at—
<https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/88801>.

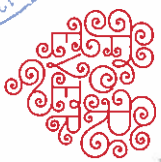
Thank you for reading and considering the content of the above letter.

Respectfully submitted,


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