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Troy Brady
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
Attn: Docket Number FD 35141

Dear Mr. Brady,

It has come to my attention that a new rail transfer station and adjoining track is proposed for a location in Yaphank, NY known as the 'Brookhaven Rail Train'. I am concerned that any new rail transfer station will increase traffic through the Otto Road Rail Yard in Glendale, Queens. Before we fully understand the impact the proposed new rail transfer station will have on Glendale the Surface Transportation Board must address the burden that currently exists.

Over the past two years our office has received countless complaints about the current rail operations. Before you approve the additional rail and transfer station I ask that you conduct an Environmental Impact Statement that considers the current impact and any additional traffic will have on the neighborhoods surrounding the Otto Road Rail Yard.

To date, no impact statement has considered the impact of rail operations in Glendale. Local residents have registered countless complaints dealing with locomotives, very loud noises, and lax oversight on the mixing of construction and putrescible waste.

Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



ELIZABETH S. CROWLEY
Council Member, 30th District