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Danielle Gosselin
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Reactivation of the R J Corman Railroad Line to Rush Township, Centre County

Dear Gosselin;

We here at Cooper Township, Clearfield County are very concerned and opposed to the reconstruction of the Rail line through our township. We have residents that live along that stretch of rail line and in some cases; homes are no more than 40 feet away.

We the Board of Supervisors of Cooper Township are elected to provide our residents with a clean, safe environment in which to live. Having a rail line that hauls carloads of garbage on a daily basis to the proposed Rush Township Landfill is not providing our residents with the clean, safe environment in which they deserve and expect.

As you are aware, mining was a huge part of the economy in this area for many years. It has also caused major damage to our resident's private water supplies. We have a major concern that the reinstallation of the rail line could have a huge impact on our water supply now that services the Cooper Township Municipal Authority customers. If by chance, something damages our water supply you basically have nothing.

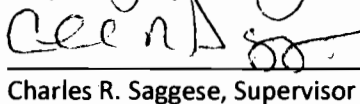
Please consider all of impacts that this could impose on Cooper Township and neighboring municipalities.

We are positive that you will use all resources available to you and make a decision to protect the residents of Cooper Township.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


Wayne T. Josephson, Chairman Supervisor


Charles R. Saggese, Supervisor


Charles S. Engelman, Supervisor