

FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky
and members of the
Surface Transportation Board

a list of our families concerns regarding the Great Lakes Basin Rail

Safety and health issues:

The rail would go thru the middle of Salina township in Kankakee County, Il. We live on the wrong side of this rail and will be cut off of any First Responders we may need. Some health issues are related to 'seconds matter', stroke and heart conditions, farm injuries, please check Agricultural injuries at the Department of Labor. You will find farmers are within the top ten injuries nationwide. This rail would also cut off, delaying access to the two hospitals in Kankakee Illinois. And great concern over air, soil and water contamination that could occur.

Our Fire Department is a voluntary basis and they are not equipped to handle a derailment and toxic materials.

Many long time residence, including children, may also face mental anguish over loss of property and community.

There are numerous pipelines that run thru this township, how will the rail effect those?

Drainage issues, roads not able to take on the extra burden. Surrounding townships will also face many side effects. Effects to local businesses.

95% of our school students use bus service, this will only add to further risk of injuries and delays for medical treatment. Bonfield Grade school is within a mile of the projected tracks.

Livestock, homes and their foundations effected by the vibrations. Cemetery will be within feet of tracks.

The effects on natural resources, Kankakee River State Park. Wildlife will lose natural habitat. If a derailment occurs, the Kankakee River could be at jeopardy, causing issues for other towns downstream. A Youth Camp stands in its path on the north side of route 102.

Quality of Life will be greatly diminished and it has been medically proven to help prolong life.

Home Owners Insurance will also be effected.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

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