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Troy Brady  
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Suite 1100  
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Attn: Docket No. FD 35141

Dear Mr. Brady;

During the past few years local residents who live near the rail tracks in Queens, New York, have suffered through the stench, noise and diesel emissions from freight trains that transfer solid waste through our communities. These residents are woken up daily at 1am, at 3am and then again at 5am by trains. The smell from the waste is especially repulsive during this summer's heat wave. Our community is exposed to the diesel fumes emitted from the idling trains.

There must be something done to reduce the effects of this to the community.

- The obsolete engines need to be replaced by new ones that do not cause as much noise and pollution.
- Explore sound barriers around the tracks to reduce the noise at tracks.
- Cover the construction and demolition debris with a tarp or container-lid for waste and develop additional and more affective covering for putrescible waste or eliminate it completely.

I share the concerns expressed by a local civic group CURES our local Queens Community Board 5 and my colleagues in government on this important issue. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional concerns.

Sincerely,

Catherine Nolan

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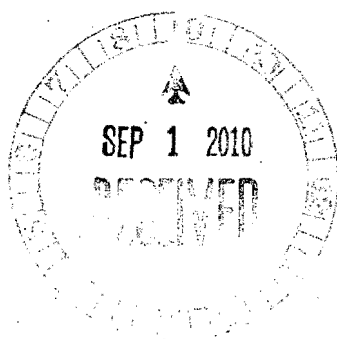
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