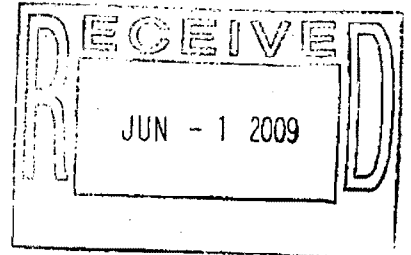


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May 29, 2009

Ms. Sandra Basehore
Skelly and Log, Inc.
449 Eisenhower Boulevard, Suite 300
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Dear Ms. Basehore:

The Board of Supervisors of Cooper Township, Clearfield County are very concerned and are opposed to the alternative route of the rail line through our township. The alternative route will go through a very populated area and the residents that live along that stretch of rail line are very close to the rail line.

We are elected to provide and protect our residents with a clean, safe environment. With the loads of waste on this railway, our property values for those residents will plummet. In addition, our residents will not have a safe environment in which they deserve and expect.

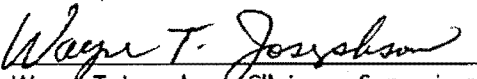
Mining has been a huge part of the economy in this area for many years. It has also caused major damage to our resident's private water supplies. We have a major concern that the rail line could have a huge impact on our watershed. Our watershed supplies Cooper Township Municipal Authority with approximately 1300 customers. If something would cause damage to our watershed our community will die. You can not restore your water quality once it is damaged.

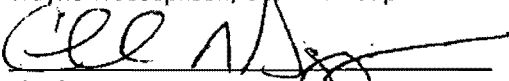
Please consider all of the impacts that this could impose on Cooper Township and neighboring municipalities.

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