



Environmental Impact Statement

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

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STB: has attended many meetings; heard all of the reasons the communities are negatively impacted by the purchase of the EJE Railways by CN Railway; read many letters; have been contacted by many concerned entities.

I would like to express my thoughts on this topic from a different vantage point:

My fears of this proposal are as follows.

Fear of being trapped by the constant rumble, vibration, noise, and blockages of/by multiple freight trains throughout each and every day.

Fear of the loss of the quality of life we have worked so hard to obtain.

Fear of the tremendously negative impact of these freight trains to our air quality, water quality, and wild life and plant life.

Fear of the length of time it would take for emergency response vehicles to arrive at scenes and arrive at hospitals with enough time to save lives.

Mostly, I FEAR the destruction of TRUST of those governmental bodies that would allow the interests of a large corporation, like CN Railway, to over-ride the concerns & safety of hundreds of thousands of American citizens. The blatant disregard of our concerns if CN Railway is allowed to literally monopolize our communities and rights for their own profit is unconscionable!

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