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Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: New England Transrail, LLC, FD-34797

Dear Members of the Board:

I write to the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). As the Board is aware, EPA is overseeing a study of environmental conditions at the Olin Chemical Superfund Site ("Site") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA").

EPA has received New England Transrail, LLC's August 18, 2015 Petitioner's Status Report and Request for Clarification ("NET's Status Report") in the above-referenced proceeding. EPA was not previously aware of the planned timing of NET's Status Report. EPA plans to provide the Board with a response to NET's Status Report. However, in order to allow sufficient time for EPA to meet with stakeholders, and in light of summer vacation schedules and the Labor Day holiday, EPA respectfully advises the Board that it will not be able to file its response with the Board by September 8, 2015, as is required under the Board's rules. If acceptable to the Board, EPA intends to submit its response to NET's Status Report by September 23, 2015.

Should the Board's environmental staff wish to discuss this letter or any other matter, they should feel free to contact Jim DiLorenzo, EPA's remedial project manager for the Olin Site (dilorenzo.jim@epa.gov or 617-918-1247), or me at the contact information included below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin P. Pechulis".

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