



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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Comments must be submitted by September 30, 2008.

I wholly oppose the acquisition of the E+E rail line by Canadian National Railway. To start with, w/o the passage of HR 6707, rail lines continue to have the power to consider only their best interests, not those of the impacted communities. How can the STB allow a company the power to ruin the communities it runs through? The first concern should be the safety and impact caused by this type of rail purchase. Communities should not be forced to accept this level of impact! The town of Barrington will be severely disrupted. I have a family that is forced to cross the E+E rail lines over a dozen times a day. With the increased rail traffic, our safety and community is @ risk. The High School sits 200 yds. from the rail line - hundreds of students cross that line to reach the HS everyday, thousands of students cross those lines on buses to reach their schools. Our fire & hospital response time will be disruptive / the local businesses will be @ risk. Please consider our plea to stop this acquisition!

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