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Victoria Rutson
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Environmental Comment regarding New England Transrail, LLC, FD-34797

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I write to the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). As the Office of Environmental Analysis 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").

As described in my September 4, 2015 environmental comment, 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 and intends to submit an environmental comment to the Office of Environmental Analysis that updates EPA's previous comments to the Board. As EPA now plans to meet with the Office of Environmental Analysis to discuss the Board's and EPA's on-going review processes during the first full week of October, EPA intends to submit an update to its previous environmental comments as a follow-up to that meeting.

Should the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis 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, reading "Kevin P. Pechulis", is written over the typed name.

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