



Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

How Do I Submit Comments?

- Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

01146.012108.PLVMMER.PGTZ.00423.0.N.C.F

The adverse impact on the environment is overwhelmingly detrimental to our community! A state law recently enacted to eliminate smoking in public places. It is proven 2nd hand smoke is a cause of cancer. Now we are told of the 4-5 fold increase of diesel fumes emitted 24/7. This negative impact affects people as well as wild-life + nature. The added danger of a 70% increase of haz-mat being transported is an apparent safety problem to all. Noise pollution means disturbing wild life and us humans. Interrupted conversations on phone or in person. Air + Noise pollutants diminish our enjoyment of our natural surroundings and the ability to enjoy quiet time in our home. Especially in the seasons when windows are open for that cool breeze + fresh air. We also have the multi-whistles 24/7.

The increased weight + frequency of the proposed schedule raises concern for any structure in proximity. There are power line towers as near as 50' to tracks, an Edison sub-station very close to the double crossing at Pfeiffer Rd + Sauk Trail. Camp Manitowish (a retreat + Church + camp for cancer stricken children) is very close - Disturbing century old trees, wild life but most important the peace + tranquility + enjoyment of nature. The excessive rumbling will impact so many creatures, trees, buildings + people.

Safety concerns - such as derailment [It does happen and it has happened within my range of vision behind my home. Frightening, yes!] On Jan 7 - North Illinois a tornado caused a derailment of a shipment of hazardous material. Area evacuation for 24 hours. Just one more consideration we can worry about. If there are Tornado warnings - Is it a tornado or is it a train heading our way? How can one tell? Negotiation is putting a band-aid on a gaping wound - It doesn't work. Quiet zones, sound barriers + grade separations minimally change a few problems. The fumes + grinding + rumbling are still there.

What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.

Date Rec'd: _____

HDR File No: _____ Name: R. Plummer

Address: 230 Hoff Drive

City, State, Zip: Frankfort, IL 60423

Date: January 21, 2008

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

Scanned (Initial):

STB/CTF

Co. Organ - STB/CTF

Date: