

**Edward T. Murphy, Jr.
257 Sawmill Rd.
Winburne, PA 16879**

February 21, 2009

**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423**

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35116

Sirs:

I rise to object to the very thought of railroad reconstruction in the close proximity of Center County's water ways.

Permitting a railroad, for the purpose to transport waste will, in fact, contaminate the water of the various aquifers and surface creeks that the waste-carrying cars pass in the close proximity of.

The West branch of the Susquehanna River enters Clearfield County on the southwest corner of the county.

The Susquehanna River collects creek water as it flows diagonally northeast, and forms a part of the line, as it exits, dividing Clearfield and Center County's.

The creeks and rivers contained in the counties of Clearfield and Center flow in a watershed that eventually reaches the Chesapeake Bay

Transporting wastes, (e.g. municipal, medical, hazardous) by rail will imperil the environment by its very nature.

When coal was carried from the mines in Winburne, on the same rail road bed that is now considered for resurrection, cars would set 'spotted' on the tracks for days.

The cars would set awaiting their turn to be pulled out, and put into the system.

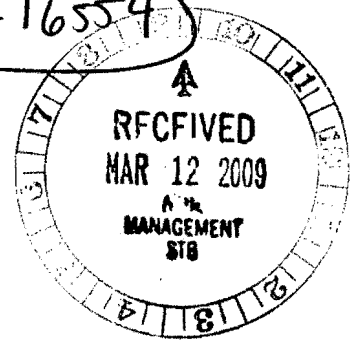
Inclement weather would cause those cars to leach coal dust on to the track bed.

Eventually that coal dust would find its way into the back yards of the abutters. Heavy rains, and the runoff, would carry that accumulation into the creek.

The tracks on one line of our property were only six-hundred feet from the creek. We could see evidence of the run-off into the creek after those rains.

Correspondence

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The tracks, in most incidences, are much closer to the water sources.

That run-off was carrying coal.

The Corman people will not be transporting coal.

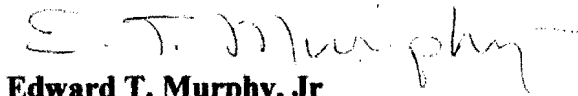
**They will be spotting cars in front of my home
allowing contaminated waste to leach in the rail bed.**

**The run-off from the waste-carrying railroad cars will be contaminating,
first our creeks and rivers, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.**

**It is imperative that we take every measure to maintain these streams free
of the Corman contamination.**

**We must dismiss the very thought of a permit
allowing the Corman people right to contaminate our precious water.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. T. Murphy, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Edward T. Murphy, Jr