

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

We are writing to you in regard to STB Ex Parte No. 684.

We live in Hainesport NJ, in a residential neighborhood. It was a nice to place live and raise a family, that is until a short line railroad facility known as Hainesport Industrial Railroad moved into a light industrial park abutting our property. Since this business (HIRR) has opened up, we as well as our neighbors have been exposed to excessive noise, vibration from large machines, dust and other airborne pollution on a daily basis from this business. We have made numerous complaints to the Township, County, and State officials, only to be told that they have no jurisdiction to enforce local noise and particulate regulations as this business falls under federal regulation. This is why we are writing to you, imploring you not to grant any exemptions to these short line railroads operating as solid waste transfer sites to continue to ruin our quality of life, pollute our properties, and reduce our property values as they have been doing under the present federal guidelines. This type of business is totally inappropriate next to a residential development due to the impact on the residents who have lived here long before this business was ever imagined.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Robin Voorhees