

January 16, 2006

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

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RE: STB FINANCE DOCKET NUMBER: FD34797
NEW ENGLAND TRANSRAIL

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please consider this a formal request to include **my prior comment letter on (FD 34391) and that of all others** again for this new proposal docket (FD 34797). It is the same New England Transrail site and a lot of work was done to get in the facts and information and comments on the first. These docket numbers are both clearly mentioned and used by NET and their attorneys as follow up to their original filing and remain applicable to both.

In addition to my comment letter on file which I request be brought forward, this comment is an emphasis about the current air pollution problems in the area compounded by the lack of attainment for the residence and their right for clean air must be addressed. Clusters of industries in this one area certainly are a factor; and air pollution in general has been linked with respiratory issues including those high in the area in close proximity to those that live there. A look into both the public and secrecy information for area industrial releases alone will be enough to show releases from standing industry have proven health hazards highly associated and known to cause adverse health problems already to the residents.

Whether it is a street, community, or state with these serious releases already assaulting an at risk public, the amount of money one makes in a larger geographical area should not be the only applicable standard. Intent of the law I am sure was to provide public safety from releases and exposure to people – no matter what your income; and that no one area or people should have to endure.

We in Wilmington are already beyond what one can handle without expecting adverse health effects. I urge you to STOP THIS PROJECT AND FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSAULTS to our people from Olin's proposed way of making themselves money. If it is not illegal - it should be. Certainly it is not moral to continue assaults on innocent people by increasing already unacceptable exposures upon them. It costs our health-care system; if it is only the money you are looking at in an already broken system.

Please, please refuse this proposal which does nothing to improve the situation and only adds further assaults to people in a town who are already suffering. Someone must stand up for the innocent. You hold an awesome responsibility; and I urge you to REJECT THIS PROPOSAL & USE and apply a full environmental impact review which is truly comprehensive and one can trust. The full environmental impact review can only be most accurate after full discovery which remains on-going.

NET's proposal adversely impacts people in the interest of public health and does nothing to improve the situation.

Sincerely,

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