



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

July 23, 2010

Dear Reader:

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is pleased to provide you with the enclosed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the R.J. Corman/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. (RJCP) proposed rail line construction, operation, and reactivation in Clearfield and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania. The proposed rail line would extend approximately twenty miles from Wallaceton to Gorton, Pennsylvania. RJCP would use the new rail line to serve a new quarry, landfill, and industrial park currently being developed by Resource Recovery, LLC (RRLLC) near Gorton, Pennsylvania, as well as several other interested shippers along the line. Operations over the rail line would be one or at most two trains daily.

SEA prepared this Draft EIS pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental regulations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration participated as cooperating agencies. The Draft EIS discusses the potential environmental impacts that could result from the construction, operation, and reactivation of the proposed rail line and includes SEA's preliminary recommendations for mitigating possible environmental effects. The Draft EIS reflects SEA's independent analysis and considers the views of the public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies.

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SEA has distributed the Draft EIS to all parties of record, including key governmental agencies and other appropriate entities. SEA has made the Draft EIS available for review in the Clearfield County Public Library in Curwensville, PA, the Osceola Mills Public Library in Osceola Mills, PA, the Shaw Public Library in Clearfield, PA, the Centre County Public Library in Bellefonte, PA, and the Holt Memorial Library in Philipsburg, PA. The entire document is also available on the Board's website at www.stb.dot.gov.

Public Comment and Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Draft EIS. This notice starts the public comment period which will last for 60 days. The notice should appear on July 30, 2010, and all comments must be postmarked no later than September 28, 2010.

The public and any interested parties are encouraged to make written comments on all aspects of this Draft EIS. SEA will consider all comments in preparing the Final EIS, which will include SEA's final conclusions on potential significant impacts and SEA's final

recommendations, including mitigation. The Board will then make its final decision regarding this project and any environmental conditions it might impose. When considering whether to grant final approval of the proposed rail line project, the Board will consider the potential environmental effects and any environmental mitigation it might impose on the project.

When submitting comments on the Draft EIS and the recommended environmental mitigation, please be as specific as possible. Please mail written comments on the Draft EIS to the address below.

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

To ensure proper handling of your comments, please mark your submission:

Attention: Danielle Gosselin
Section of Environmental Analysis
Environmental Filing FD 35116

Written comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link. Comments are due by September 28, 2010.

Public Meeting

In addition to receiving written comments on the Draft EIS, SEA will host a public meeting on the Draft EIS at the location, date, and time listed below. At this meeting, SEA will give a brief presentation and interested parties may submit written comments or make oral comments. SEA will have a court reporter available at the meeting to ensure that oral comments are accurately recorded. The meeting will be held at:

Philipsburg-Osceola Area Senior High School
502 Philips Street
Philipsburg, PA 16866
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
6-9 P.M.

SEA would like as many persons to participate as possible, and given the limited amount of time at the meeting, all speakers are strongly encouraged to prepare a summary of oral comments, and submit any detailed comments in writing. SEA also encourages groups of individuals with similar comments to designate a representative to speak for them. Each speaker will have an allotted time limit of three minutes in which to make oral comments. To provide as much time as possible to hear the public's comments, SEA will not respond to oral and written comments at the meeting. Rather, comments on the Draft EIS will be addressed in writing in the Final EIS. In addition, demonstrations and protests are not permitted in the meeting room.

Those needing special accommodations are requested to contact SEA at least 10 days prior to the meeting at the number listed below (TDD for the hearing impaired 1-800-877-8339).

Thank you for your interest and participation in the environmental review process. If you would like additional information about the environmental review process, please contact Danielle Gosselin of my staff at (202) 245-0300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Rutson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

Victoria Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

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