

SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Docket No. FD 35116

R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc.
Construction and Operation of 20 miles of rail line in
Clearfield and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania

Lead Agency: Surface Transportation Board; **Cooperating Agency:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Proposed Action: Construction, operation, and reactivation of approximately 20 miles of rail line in Clearfield and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania.

Location: The proposed rail line would be located in eastern Clearfield County primarily in Morris and Cooper Townships, and in western Centre County in Rush and Snow Shoe Townships. The proposed rail line would pass through or would be adjacent to the villages of Troy, Hawk Run, Munson and Winburne; and end at Gorton.

Abstract: On May 20, 2008, R.J. Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. (RJCP) filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board (Board), pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and 49 C.F.R. § 1121, for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to construct and operate an abandoned 10.8-mile rail line between Wallacetown and Winburne in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania (the Western Segment) and to reactivate a connecting 9.3-mile portion of currently rail banked line between Winburne and Gorton in Clearfield and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania (the Eastern Segment) (together, the Proposed Action). The proposed rail line would serve a new waste-to-ethanol facility, quarry, and industrial park currently being developed by Resource Recovery, LLC (RRLLC) near Gorton, Pennsylvania, as well as several other shippers located along the line that are interested in the availability of rail service. On July 23, 2010, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project. The DEIS identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and alternatives, including the No-Action Alternative. The public was invited to comment on the DEIS in writing and at a public meeting which was held in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 2010. After carefully reviewing all comments received, as well as additional information about the project proposal, OEA decided to prepare this Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). OEA is issuing this SDEIS to address changes in the project that have developed since the preparation of the DEIS. The SDEIS addresses the following issues: 1) the potential environmental impacts associated with RJCP's proposed transport of ethanol, a regulated hazardous material, over the rail line, 2) the change in the preliminary plan approval status of the No-Build Alternative – Local Road System Upgrade (Black Rock Road), and 3) the results of the 2010 summer field survey for Branching Bur-reed (*Sparganium androcladum*), a Pennsylvania Endangered Species. OEA has included recommended preliminary mitigation measures, including RJCP's voluntary mitigation measures, in this SDEIS. Changes and revisions to the preliminary mitigation recommendations since the preparation of the DEIS have also been included. Based on the new information and analyses presented in this SDEIS, OEA continues to find that the Modified Proposed Action would be the environmentally preferable alternative for this project.

Comment Period: The public and any interested parties are encouraged to make written comments on all aspects of this SDEIS. All comments must be submitted within the comment period, which will close April 25, 2011.

Contacts: Written comments on the SDEIS may be submitted to:

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

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

Attention: Danielle Gosselin
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Written comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, by clicking on the "E-FILING" link.

Due to the public meetings on this project that have already been held and the limited nature of this SDEIS, OEA requests written comments only, and will not be holding a public meeting to solicit oral comments on the SDEIS. Comments will be posted on the Board's website after they are received. For additional information regarding the history of this proceeding, please visit the Board's website.

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