



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

March 4, 2011

Dear Reader:

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is pleased to announce the issuance of a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) 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 Wallacetown to Gorton, Pennsylvania. RJCP would use the new rail line to 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 interested shippers located along the proposed line. Operations over the rail line would be one or at most two trains daily.

OEA issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on July 23, 2010, which discussed the potential environmental impacts that could result from the construction, operation, and reactivation of the proposed rail line and included OEA's preliminary recommendations for mitigating possible environmental effects.

Based on the comments received on the DEIS, as well as additional information about the project proposal, OEA has prepared this SDEIS, pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental regulations. This SDEIS focuses on three specific matters:

- RJCP's now planned transport of ethanol, a regulated hazardous material, over the proposed rail line.
- A detailed analysis of the No-Build Alternative – Local Road System Upgrade (Black Rock Road) to reflect the recent approval from Centre County that would be necessary to implement that alternative.
- The results of the 2010 summer field survey for Branching Bur-reed (*Sparganium androcladum*), a Pennsylvania Endangered Species.

Availability of the SDEIS

OEA has distributed the SDEIS to all parties of record, including key governmental agencies and other appropriate entities. OEA has made the SDEIS 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 Review and Comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the SDEIS. This notice starts the public comment period which will last for 45 days. The notice should appear on March 11, 2011, and all comments must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2011. 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.

The public and any interested parties are encouraged to make written comments on all aspects of this SDEIS. OEA will consider all comments received on this SDEIS and the comments previously received on the DEIS, in preparing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS will also include any additional analysis that OEA believes is necessary, as well as OEA's final conclusions on potential significant impacts and final recommendations, including mitigation. After issuance of the FEIS, the environmental review process will be concluded. The Board will then make its final decision regarding this project and any environmental conditions it might impose. In reaching its decision, the Board will take into consideration the DEIS, SDEIS, FEIS and all environmental comments received.

When submitting comments on the SDEIS, please be as specific as possible. Please mail written comments on the SDEIS to the address below.

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

Attention: Danielle Gosselin
Office 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 April 25, 2011. 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.

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'.

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

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