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Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K St. NW  
Washington, DC 20423  
Finance Docket No. 34747

Re: Olin Property, Wilmington, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Johnson Ball:

I am writing to oppose the "concept" of a trash transfer/chemical dump site in Wilmington due to the pollution and danger to all of the families in this area.

Neither can we do not want cancer, please do not let this happen, please let the EPA clean up the existing site so our families can be safe!

PLEASE HELP OUR TOWN!!

Sincerely,

Kerry McDonald

## Residents urged to write letters in opposition to Transrail site in Wilmington

By GORDON VINCENT

WOBURN - Ward 6 Alderman John Ciriello is urging residents who are opposed to the concept of a trash transfer station at the Olin Chemical site in Wilmington to write a letter to the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB).

"Most of you have heard that we have been fighting a 'trash transfer station' that some private investors from New Jersey have been trying to sneak in at the highly-contaminated Olin Chemical site," wrote Ciriello, in an e-mail to the Daily Times Chronicle.

New England Transrail (NET) proposes to construct a solid waste reload facility on the property. Wilmington and Woburn have vehemently opposed the project, which would transload various materials, including construction debris, contaminated soils, liquid chemicals, newsprint, non-hazardous waste, and other products, from trucks to railroad cars.

"They propose to use the commuter rail (the one which goes to the Anderson train station) at night when no passenger trains are on it, to bring among other things, municipal solid waste (that's the stuff we all throw away as trash every week," wrote Ciriello. "Trash will arrive by railcars to the 30-acre plant that is being proposed and then get sorted and reloaded into trucks which will leave the site for landfills in every direction."

The decision on the trash transfer proposal is in the hands of the STB, which is currently in the midst of deliberations. Ciriello is asking all letters to be mailed by May 12 to:

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The Olin property, located at 51 Emerson Street, Wilmington,

could be named to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national priorities list as soon as the end of this month, Wilmington and Woburn residents learned at recent a public meeting in Wilmington.

The Olin Chemical property is a 53-acre parcel situated just off of Route 38 and approximately a quarter-mile from the Woburn line. The property was classified as a Tier 1A disposal site by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Sept. 20, 1994, as the result of the discharging of wastewater to unlined lagoons and ditches by previous property owners over a period of many years. Tier 1A sites are overseen by the DEP and a piece of land is categorized as such only if it possesses contaminants that impact a town's water supply.

The estimated limits of contaminant migration appear to nearly double the size of the property, extending as far as Chestnut Street and the Maple Meadow landfill in Wilmington and into Woburn by the municipal landfill.

Ciriello enumerated the reasons for opposition to the trash transfer facility:

"The project will severely impact heavily populated areas in both Wilmington and Woburn. There are dense residential neighborhoods at both ends of Eames Street, and along the entire length of Route 38 in Woburn. Areas south of the site are dense residential zones.

"The Olin Chemical site is not remediated and the extent of contamination is not fully understood yet. The site should remain undeveloped until its contamination issues are understood and resolved.

"Four hundred trucks a day will be a hazard on our streets since the majority of the area surrounding the site is residential and the trucks will be in the neighborhood all day long."

the event of a liquid or solid waste spill. The new on-ramp built for Route 93 is too narrow for safely transporting materials in trucks.

• Two elementary schools, a day care center and large senior housing complex are located in North Woburn on Route 38 and the truck activity will have an enormous impact on an already overburdened roadway.

• Noise generated by the immense grinding operation will be an unbearable nuisance to the nearby densely-populated areas of North Woburn and South Wilmington.

• Odor and pests from the municipal solid waste which will be handled at the site will impact nearby homes

• This area has had its share of environmental injustice. There are already two landfills, two Superfund sites and now the possibility that Olin will be a third Superfund site - all within close proximity of each other.

Ciriello noted any letter of opposition, however brief, would be helpful to the city's cause.

"Only a few short lines .. will make a dramatic impact if we write in," wrote Ciriello. "If we don't do anything, this thing will become a reality and once approved we will not be able to stop it ... in fact, it will grow as they offer services to communities all around us.

"Since this is not in some people's backyards and they get a savings on their trash removal, cities and towns around us will enter into contracts with Transrail," added the alderman. "Commodities handled at the site will not only be trash, but liquids, gas (propane), lumber, stone, construction and demolition materials, and so on. We have enough traffic and environmental problems as it is and don't need an ongoing trash transfer station impacting our neighborhood."