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Proposed BNSF Intermodal Project)
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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007
Mildale Farm
35250 West 199th Street
Edgerton, Kansas

1 Welcome to the Corps of Engineers public
 2 scoping meeting on the proposed BNSF Intermodal
 3 Facility. The purpose of the meeting is to
 4 solicit your comments on the permit application
 5 and scope of the environmental analyses. We
 6 encourage you to view the station and to ask
 7 questions related to the proposed project.

8 The application is being reviewed under
 9 the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water
 10 Act (33 USC 1344). The factors we will consider
 11 include conservation, economics, aesthetics,
 12 general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural
 13 values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards,
 14 floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline
 15 erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply
 16 and conservation, water quality, energy needs,
 17 safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs
 18 and, in general, the needs and welfare of the
 19 people. The evaluation of the impact of the
 20 activity on the public interest will include
 21 cumulative effects, application of the Section
 22 404(b)(1) guidelines, and the National
 23 Environmental Policy Act, as amended.

24 You are welcome to submit written or
 25 verbal comments while at the meeting, or you may

1 submit additional comments to Mr. Joshua Marx,
2 Regulatory Project Manager, at the U.S. Army Corps
3 of Engineers, Kansas City Regulatory Office, 700
4 Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas
5 City, Missouri, 64106-2896, by telephone at
6 816-389-3658, or via E-mail at
7 joshua.a.marx@usace.army.mil. The deadline for
8 comments is October 6, 2007.

9 We will post additional information as
10 it becomes available for this project on our
11 webpage at
12 [http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/
13 regulatory.htm.](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/regulatory.htm)

14 MS. NORRIS: My name is Mayrene Norris
15 and I am a senior citizen and for 45 years I lived
16 on 183rd Street just off Four Corner Road off to
17 the west there. I still own 80 acres on the south
18 side of 183rd Street there. It is not in the, you
19 know, intermodal where they are taking everybody.
20 I'm across on the north side of the railroad
21 track, in other words, the highway. Just a half
22 mile though.

23 When I saw this in our newspaper about
24 them changing waterways and all this on the Bull
25 Creek, the beginning of our tributary, whatever

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1 you want to spell it, of Bull Creek is on my 80
2 acres. So I was very involved -- I'm very
3 interested, I should say, very interested in just
4 what they are going to do about that water
5 business. I don't want them moving water. So I'm
6 very concerned. I don't like to have them playing
7 with Mother Nature and because it's just, you
8 know, the farmers rely on that water and I don't
9 want flooding, too, if, you know, we have a huge
10 big rain and they move something so the water
11 won't flow like it's supposed to flow. It's a
12 real problem there.

13 Another thing is Gardner, the City of
14 Gardner, gets part, not all but part of their
15 drinking water from Hillsdale Lake and since, you
16 know, this is all involved here with this water
17 business, and I'm very concerned about the whole
18 business. I just, you know, I'm just don't want
19 them to bother our drinking water that Gardner
20 gets and I don't want to have them bothering the
21 farmers that farm out in there with moving the
22 water around the creeks, you know, so that's the
23 essence of what I really came to say. I'm just
24 iffy when they move water.

25 MR. BOHEN: My name is David Bohlen. I

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1 would like to know what studies are being made by
 2 the Corps of Engineers to determine if our water
 3 supply, Hillsdale water supply, well, you don't
 4 need to put Hillsdale, our water supply is going
 5 to be protected from pollution. Do you have an
 6 independent study? And we know the railroad is
 7 going to come in with everyone saying everybody is
 8 fine. That's about it right now. If I knew more
 9 I would say more but that's it for now.

10 MR. RESCOT: My name is Robert Rescot,
 11 and I'm with the University of Kansas. I'm
 12 located in Lawrence, Kansas and I'm a Ph.D.
 13 student in transportation engineering in the
 14 Department of Civil Engineering on campus. And
 15 I'm interested in working on developing a research
 16 partnership in the intermodal area with the
 17 Burlington Northern Railroad and I'm looking for
 18 any sort of research contacts with the BNSF. My
 19 E-mail address is rrescot@ku.edu.

20 MS. HOLTGRAVER: My name is India
 21 Holtgraver. I was wondering about 191st Street.
 22 When they do widening of the road on 191st will
 23 they take the property of the side that the
 24 railroad bought or will they want to get, take the
 25 other side of the road where it's not bought up

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1 yet. There are several people on our road that
2 are wondering that.

3 MR. HENRICKS: My name is Dennis
4 Henricks and my main concern regarding the Corps
5 of Engineers' end of the project is the amount of
6 run-off that this project is going to cause and
7 also what that run-off is going to contain
8 contaminant wise. What I see all that property
9 drains straight into the county parkland and then
10 into the Hillsdale Reservoir and so that's kind of
11 my main concern from the Corps' end is how that's
12 going to affect that land and potential use of
13 that parkland if suddenly we're getting, you know,
14 three times the run-off or whatever it is. I
15 haven't seen any studies or anything on that yet.
16 That's all I had.

17 MR. RHOMBERG: My name is Tom Rhomberg.
18 My suggestion is hearing what the current
19 situation is as far as the fly-over for an
20 entrance to the intermodal facility and the exit
21 of it I think they ought to consider doing
22 something now to relieve the traffic congestion
23 where it's proposed to go and put in the new
24 fly-over but make it a toll exit/entrance. End of
25 story.

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MR. QUAINANCE: My name is Lee Quaintance. I have some concerns about some of the things going on with the project, mostly pertaining to the air quality and the water quality.

One of the things that I would like to see in some of the studies would be I know that this ground if the intermodal hub is not developed that it will be developed into residential or something else and I would like to see on a flip side if, you know, the air quality, how the air quality would be affected if it were a residential development as opposed to an industrial development.

And the same with the water quality, just kind of, you know, checking both sides of not necessarily where we're at now but the potential of the, you know, any other type of development that might, you know, develop out here. I guess that's pretty much the gist of it.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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I, BRENDA FITZGERALD, Certified
Shorthand Reporter of John M. Bowen & Associates,
with offices located at 1930 Commerce Tower, 911
Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105, do
hereby certify that I was personally present at
the taking of the proceedings as set forth in the
caption sheet hereof; that I then and there took
down in shorthand the proceedings had at said
time, and that the foregoing is a full, true and
correct transcript of such shorthand notes so made
at such time and place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my
hand and seal this 9th day of October, 2007.



Brenda Fitzgerald, CSR

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