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Mr. Joshua Marx

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Dear Mr. Marx,

The USEPA has predicted that fine particle concentrations at or near the proposed BNSF Intermodal facility at Gardner will exceed the federal air quality standard. In addition BNSF's analysis neglects nearby I-35 as a source of pollution and left out the toxic effects of diesel exhaust particles that get resuspended by trucks traveling within & to and from the site. BNSF also makes very optimistic projections about the retirement of old, dirty diesel trucks that will be coming to the site.

BNSF's vague promise to install a single air quality monitor is not good enough. This is a huge facility that, along with warehouses, will cover 1 1/2 square miles. It needs much closer scrutiny. I am asking that the USACE require BNSF to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement that includes a Health Risk Assessment of all the air pollutants that will be generated at the site. The project should not proceed until a detailed plan for multi-point air quality monitoring and pre-determined & enforceable mitigation steps is developed and the public has a chance to review it.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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