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To: Marx, Joshua A NWK;
Subject: BNSF Intermodel Project in Gardner KS
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Dear Mr. Marx,

I attended the environmental forum related to the scheduled BNSF Intermodal facility held at the Holiday Inn in Olathe, Kansas on Thursday, August 6, 2009. Having listened to the experts seated on the panel, and with concerns over the scheduled facility to be located west of Gardner, Kansas, I implore the Army Corps of Engineers to further investigate the environmental impacts before granting the required 404 permit by conducting a full scope environmental impact statement.

As I am sure you are keenly aware, the scheduled project will have far reaching effects on our drinking water supply, our air quality, our wildlife and, most importantly, the quality of life for area citizens. I am concerned that much of the environmental impacts cited in the corps reports were provided by BNSF and they have grossly underestimated the amount of both train and truck traffic that will use the facility. I urge you to conduct a more thorough and independent investigation into the effects of diesel emissions, using more realistic traffic volume numbers.

I believe that this project will move forward and eventually be built out, but I ask the Army Corps of Engineers to help protect area citizens by completing their due diligence and reopening the investigation of environmental effects of a facility such as this. Citizens have the right to accurate information so that they can demand further safeguards against the consequences of this facility. Once this project is completed, it will be too late.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,
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