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To: Marx, Joshua A NWK;
Subject: Re: Gardner Intermodal and the Environment
Date: Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:55:09 PM

Dear Mr. Marx,

Below, please find just a few or my concerns regarding the proposed Intermodal in Gardner, KS.

Probably the very most important is for an E.I.S. or Environmental Impact Statement to be done to assess the full and long term effects on the people in the surrounding area. I believe this is critical.

Both sewer and water supply are dependent on the City of Gardner. The contract with BNSF has been rejected by Gardner with no new contract expected. No alternative plan for sewer or water supply was submitted.

Were there a contract with Gardner, their sewer capacity at present is inadequate to service the intermodal facility and logistics park.

The cumulative health effects on the local populace from diesel exposure needs to be included in the study and given a public comment period.

All data was submitted as an environmental assessment study only, as opposed to the full environmental impact statement required when federal funds are sought. A 50 million dollar TIGER fund is being sought from the federal government per the stimulus package for BNSF. An environmental impact statement is required when federal projects have a significant environmental impact.

There are of course many other concerns I might point out, but for brevity I only mention the few above.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,
Nancy Hanahan
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