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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Comments, Finance Docket No. 34391
Case Control Unit, Surface Transportation Board
Section on Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am registering my opposition to the proposed plan by New England Transrail of New Jersey to build a rail-to-truck transfer station on the site of the former Olin Chemical Site on Eames Street in Wilmington, Mass. The risk of health and safety to the residents of the Wilmington, Woburn, Stoneham, and Reading communities in the immediate area will be severe and can become catastrophic. You may not be aware of the fact that the proposed transfer station will be accessed by one of the states' worst highway intersections, known as Interstate 95 and State Route 93 Interchange. In the past two years we have had to cope with two high-level safety risk accidents involving chemically explosive trucks at this interchange. On both occasions the City of Woburn had to close down schools in the entire city, depose emergency equipment and shut down the two highways for a few miles.

The City of Woburn is approximately 12 miles north of downtown Boston and has a dense residential population.

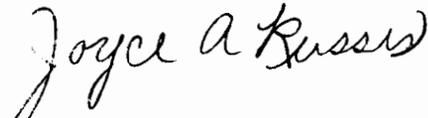
The Olin site is a superfund site that is still in the process of clean up under Federal EPA demand.

The basis of this opposition is the escape of contaminated material into highly dense residential neighborhoods in both the City of Woburn and the Town of Wilmington having a catastrophic effect on the health and safety,

the generation of noise, and the 18-wheeler truck traffic and their detrimental emissions into the air.

I hope you will take into consideration our well-being and our pursuit of the peaceful enjoyment of our homes in this area when deliberating the authorization of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce A. Russis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Joyce A. Russis