



**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Section of Environmental Analysis**  
**Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project**  
**Environmental Impact Statement**

EL-7111

**DRAFT SCOPE OF STUDY COMMENT FORM**

**How Do I Submit Comments?**

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at a public meeting, or mail your comments to the Surface Transportation Board's address at the bottom of this page.
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Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35095 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comment deadline is: March 21, 2008

RE: Houston South route - we will be directly impacted.

Our concerns:

- ① Soils - area has much "silty loam" (a) It's hard as a rock when dry but mushy & slippery (slides) when wet
- ② vibrations are transmitted through the soil. We felt the compacting done by road construction ~ 1 mile away - across our lake (W. Beaver)
- ③ these soils will require deep excavation (6' plus) and gravel backfill to successfully build on - this cost needs to be considered -
- ④ earthquake - soils are slippery / Costerton fault goes through the route
- ② Recreational Trails - snow machine / dog sled - cross this area.
- ③ Wild life - moose habitat / Sandhill Cranes / many

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