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Mr. Rick Black  
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RE: Construction and Operation of Rail  
Line Between Levan and Salina

Dear Mr. Black;

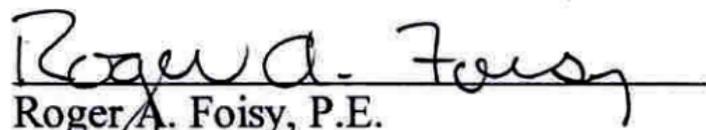
I have received your letter, dated April 1, 2003, requesting comments regarding the above proposed railroad project in Central Utah. You asked specifically for comments related to my particular area of responsibility, which includes air quality, drinking water, surface and ground water quality and solid waste programs in South Central Utah.

As I consider the proposed route attached to your letter, some specific concerns come to mind immediately. Those include the following:

1. The fragmentation and disturbance of farm land in the area from Fayette to Salina
2. The crossing of the Sevier River and Yuba Reservoir and construction in the area of Chicken Creek Reservoir, which is a low lying wetland.
3. Construction and potential contamination from cargo spills, etc. through the entire area. The proposed route may involve some public drinking water source protection zones and recharge areas which require special protection and consideration.
4. Wetlands areas and river crossings always present a potential for possible contamination from cargo spills as well as fuel spills and leaks, as well as from construction.

I assume that eventually public hearings will be held locally to allow those with related environmental and other concerns to express their thoughts and opinions before the final decision is made.

Sincerely,

  
Roger A. Foisy, P.E.  
District Engineer