

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 30, 2006

Gabriel D. Hall, President and Chief Executive Officer
U.S. Rail Corporation
7846 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43617

Dear President Hall:

We write to you regarding the proposed intermodal facility to be located in Erie Township, Michigan. This proposed development has caused serious concern for the residents of Erie Township and the one public meeting that has been held appears to have done little to answer their questions. Therefore, we kindly ask that you answer the following questions with regard to the proposed facility in Erie Township.


1. Under what authority will U.S. Rail Corporation (hereinafter "the Corporation") use the power of eminent domain? Will this be under state or federal authority? Please cite the specific statute or regulation.
2. It has been reported that the proposed facility would encompass the area stretching from Erie Road in the south to Cousino Road in the north with I-75 and Canadian National's railroad tracks as the eastern and western boundaries respectively. Are these the proposed boundaries? How likely is it that these boundaries could change?
3. Besides the Corporation, what other entities would hold an ownership interest in the proposed facility? Are there relationships between any of these entities? If so, please explain the relationship.
4. What has to be done with regards to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)? Has a NEPA review been conducted? If so, when will it be? What is the timeline for such a process?
5. Will any federal permits be needed to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, which permits will be required? Have any been acquired up to this point?
6. Will any state permits be needed to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, which permits will be required? Have any been acquired up to this point?
7. Will any local permits be required to be obtained by the Corporation? If so, what types of permits will be needed? Have any been acquired up to this point?
8. At what points in the process will the public be able to formally give its input to this proposed project?
9. Speculation has been rampant as to how many jobs this proposed facility would create. Please give an estimate of the proposed jobs and wages that would be available should this project go forward.

10. It has been reported that there are liens of approximately \$193,000 filed against you by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) over the past five years. How will this impact the financing for the project?

11. Should all approvals be granted from the necessary federal, state, and local agencies, when is the targeted opening for the proposed facility?

It is important that the citizens of Erie Township have the opportunity to express their concerns regarding this project and that their concerns are taken into account as to the proposed project. It is equally important that as the process moves forward it is fair, open and transparent so that all who are interested are able to have their views and concerns considered. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Member of Congress



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Carl Levin
United States Senator



Kathy Angerer
Michigan State Representative