

Dear Neighbor Living Near the Freight Railway,



The State has made a commitment to holding the M&E Railway accountable if/when the freight railroad is activated. Here is a brief summary of those commitments:

NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE  
 Statement of Findings Roselle, Union County  
 Rahway Valley and Staten Island Railroad Petition, June 15, 2005  
 Chair: Mr. Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner, DEP

**Commitments of the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection:**  
 The NJDEP's Pesticide Control Program will reach out to the Morristown and Erie Railway to ensure that:

- Future **spraying episodes along the rail line right-of-way** will be performed in accordance with **all** applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
- Some of these regulations require **community-wide notification** to inform residents about spraying.
- There is also a provision in the regulations that allow residents to individually request from the company applying pesticides on the right-of-way, 12-hour **advance notification directly** to them before spraying is to occur.
- The Department will provide **periodic oversight** during upcoming pesticide applications in the community to ensure that the applications are performed in a manner that is protective of human health.
- The NJDOT will ensure that no additional creosote ties are piled in the community without **public notification and protective measures**, i.e., piles must be **covered and stored for a minimum amount of time** at a given location.

So, you see, we *do* have some rights, but only if we *act now* to secure those rights. Cut off, fill in, and send the letter at right so that the M&E Freight Railway will be made legally responsible to you for the health and safety of your family.

Thank you, neighbor, for your support and refusal to be "rail-roaded" when it comes to our quality of life here, and throughout Union County.

Thank you,  
The Roselle Environmental Justice Petitioners

The full *Roselle Petition* is available at the website: [www.stophthetrain.org](http://www.stophthetrain.org)



Date: mo / day / yr

To: Morristown & Erie Railway  
49 Abbett Ave  
P O Box 2206  
Morristown NJ 07962

Re: Spraying Episodes

Please be advised that, according to *The Commitments* of the NJ Environmental Justice Task Force and the NJDEP Pesticide Control Program, I am entitled to 12 hour advance notification, directly to me, before any spraying is to occur.

I hereby request such personal advance notice be made directly to me at the following address:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/NJ/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I trust that your compliance regarding pesticides can also be expected to extend to creosote ties, and to all other environmental concerns noted in the *NJ Environmental Justice Task Force Findings* of June 15, 2005.

Truly yours,

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Signed