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Dear Mr. Orris,

I thank you and the College for your December 18 update and January 19 letter.

While I appreciate the College's desire "to keep our neighbors informed about every aspect of the project" (College's words in the December 18 mailing), the College has declined to answer in a public forum verbal questions about anticipated noise, lighting, vibration and air emissions from the proposed railyard (including at the November 13 Manheim Township meeting).

Question 1: At your proposed new round of living room meetings, will the College entertain questions and comment on noise, lighting, vibration and air emissions beyond merely referring to what has so far been posted on the College's website?

It remains my opinion that in conjunction with the construction of the railyard, the College is legally required to address such issues (among others) in a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and to have public hearings on the EIS. The EIS and hearings also need to meaningfully address alternatives available to the project as proposed.

Question 2: Where can a copy of the College's NEPA categorical exclusion application be found and reviewed?

Question 3: What is the status of review of the categorical exclusion application by PennDOT and/or the U.S. Federal Highway Administration?

Question 4: What other governmental authorities (if any) will the College seek to have review the categorical exclusion and/or other NEPA documentation?

While I am pleased that the College is saying that it is committed to noise reduction, I am skeptical that Norfolk Southern will be attentive to noise and other operational impact issues once it is operating the proposed new railyard.

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Question 5: What document(s) and/or government approvals will define Norfolk Southern's operational limitations (noise level limits, hours of operation, types of rail cars to use the parcel, mitigation of impact on adjacent residences, etc.) as to the proposed new railyard?

I would also be interested to hear about the ultimate use of the College's land located between the proposed railyard tract and the western end of Hillcrest Road.

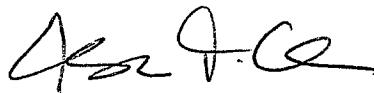
Question 6: What is the proposed long-term use of that land?

As you may surmise, I continue to object to:

1. the proposal the new railyard as I currently understand it;
2. the failure to follow NEPA EIS standards; and
3. the "written question" and non-public hearing procedure by which the concerns of neighbors (especially as to noise, lighting, vibration, air and railyard operations standards) are being addressed (or not).

Please so indicate my objections to any government authority to whom the project partners must disclose. I will look to hear from you as to the questions asked in this letter.

Sincerely,



George T. Cook