

Community Safety

The CRAA maintains that there are impacts to community such as risks around traffic hazards, emergency response delays, pollution exposure, infrastructure failure, and inadequate oversight, all of which combine to create heightened long-term risks for residents' health and safety.

Road & Traffic Safety Risks

- * Significant increase in heavy truck traffic creates hazards for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and school buses.
- * Telephone Road is not designed as a truck haul route, increasing accident risk.
- * Steep grades, narrow shoulders, and poor road conditions further elevate collision risk.

Emergency Response Risks

- * Increased congestion (especially during Highway 401 detours) may delay ambulance, fire, and police response times.
- * Municipal liability concerns if accidents occur due to road degradation or unsafe conditions.

Public Health & Air Quality

- * Emissions (VOCs, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, etc.) linked to respiratory illness and long-term health risks.
- * Short-term effects include eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, and breathing issues.

Water & Environmental Safety

- * Risk of runoff contaminating groundwater and local streams, impacting drinking water sources.
- * Site proximity to wetlands and watershed areas increases environmental vulnerability.

Noise & Community Disruption

- * 24/7 operations and truck activity generate continuous noise, including engine braking and tailgate impacts.
- * Noise and light pollution contribute to reduced quality of life and community disturbance.

Infrastructure & Safety Degradation

- * Heavy truck loads accelerate road damage and structural failure, increasing unsafe driving conditions.
- * Poorly maintained infrastructure can become a long-term safety hazard for all road users.

Governance & Oversight Concerns

- * Reported lack of transparency and missing traffic/safety studies raises concerns about risk management.
- * Broader concerns about insufficient enforcement and oversight in aggregate operations.