



MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2006

TO:  Vicki Elliott, Assistant Director, Transportation Safety

FROM: Bob Johnston, Hazardous Materials Inspector 

SUBJECT: Crossing Applications, City of Centralia

Docket No. TR-061232

Project Summary: Public Crossings - Robert Thompson Road

Application: City of Centralia

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Project Summary: Public Crossings - Hoss Road

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The City of Centralia proposes constructing public crossings on Robert Thompson Road and Hoss Road. Both are locations having existing private crossings. Robert Thompson Road ceases at a pasture beyond the crossing. Hoss Road will serve an industrial facility currently under construction. Both crossings transit Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad property approximately .2 miles apart.

On September 5, 2006, Kathy Hunter and I conducted site visits. We observed that the road approaches were constructed and paved, that the crossing surface installation is complete, and that stop bars and pavement markings are in place. The petition for each crossing indicates the addition of active protection, which have not been installed.

We did not notice anything that would make these grade crossings unsafe or dangerous.

The railroad operates several freight trains daily at these locations. Maximum operating speed of the trains is 20 miles per hour.

Recommendation: Approve the crossing petitions as written.