

**Ann Machado - Fwd: Tampering with railroad tracks-Portland, Maine**

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**Date:** 3/19/2015 10:57 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tampering with railroad tracks-Portland, Maine  
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From: Charlie Pollock  
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Cc: Dale Holman, Scott Rheault  
Subject: Tampering with railroad tracks-Portland, Maine

Good morning:

I am a resident of Powsland street in Portland Maine. My street dead-ends right at the Portland Transportation center, (AmTrak and Concord bus station).

For the past several days STJ, Inc. (Gorham Sand and Gravel), the owner of the large lot at the end of the street has been pumping water from a large EPA-protected vernal basin of water with no permission or permits from any local or state agency. Their motive is not presently clear but residents believe it's to make the property more salable as they have committed multiple municipal and state infractions in the past with that goal.

The reason I am contacting you is they are routing their hoses and pipes over your railroad track property to pump the water over to the Portland's Fore River marshland. You will see from the attached photos that they have dug and tunneled through the crushed rock footing under the tracks. I imagine this sort of tampering with the tracks that passenger trains run upon cannot be legal.

Another resident was able to have the Maine EPA dept shut this operation down yesterday. They were right back at it early this morning and still there today. The attached video was taken by me an hour ago.

I tried to speak to one of the workers about it and he would not reply to my questions and walked away.

Can you please reply back to me today to let me know if this is an issue from Pan Am's perspective.

Thank you for your time.

Charlie

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**Charlie Pollock**