

**APPENDIX B  
COOPERATING AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

This appendix contains copies of the comment letters that OEA received on the DEIS from USACE and FHWA. OEA has summarized and responded to these cooperating agency comments in Sections 1.5 and 3.3.2 of this FEIS.

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Pennsylvania Division

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In reply refer to:  
HPD-PA

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the  
Construction and Operation Exemption of the R. J.  
Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc.

U. S. DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway  
Administration

Danielle Gosselein  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
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Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Gosselein:

On February 19, 2009 the Federal Highway Administration Pennsylvania Division formally requested participation as a Cooperating Agency for the Environmental Impacts Statement being prepared for the proposed R. J. Corman/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. project. The proposed project is the construction, operation, and reactivation of a rail line in Clearfield and Centre Counties. The proposed rail line would "serve a new quarry, landfill, and industrial park currently being developed by Resource Recovery, LLC (RRLLC) near Gorton, Pennsylvania, as well as several other shippers along the line."

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was received by our office on July 27, 2010 with a request for review and comment by September 28, 2010. Reviewing the DEIS as a Cooperating Agency, the FHWA- PA Division offers the following comments:

- Page ES-4, *What other agencies are involved in this environmental review:*  
This section incorrectly indicates that FHWA will serve as one of the primary decision-making agencies regarding the proposed approval of the reactivation. Serving as a Cooperating Agency with special expertise regarding highway-related (No-Build) activities only, FHWA has not been and will not be involved in making the decision to approve the reactivation request for the rail line. This section should be revised to reflect this.



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September 1, 2010

Ms. Victoria Rutson  
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Rutson:

This is in reference to the Surface Transportation Board's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 20-mile rail line between Wallacetown (Clearfield County) and Gorton (Centre County), Pennsylvania.

In a letter dated October 24, 2008, we accepted your invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS for this project. Based on the information received by this office, and in looking at the work that falls within our scope of review, it appears that the proposal within our scope of analysis may not have a significant effect on the human environment. As a result, it appears that an EIS will not be required as part of our permit review process. Thus, we no longer wish to be a cooperating agency for the EIS and will be conducting our own independent environmental review during future review of permit applications.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Dombroskie, of this office, at (814)235-0571.

Sincerely,

Wade B. Chandler  
Chief, Pennsylvania Section

- Page 1-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Paragraph:  
The final sentence suggests that without the reactivation of the rail line, RRLLC would move forward to include "improvements to the existing local road system and construction of a new I-80 interchange." However, the Point of Access was not approved by FHWA, as is discussed within other sections of the DEIS, and therefore this paragraph should be removed or revised.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Cooperating Agency and review and comment on the Draft EIS. Please contact Jon Crum at (717) 221-3735 or [Jonathan.Crum@dot.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Crum@dot.gov) with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,



Renee Sigel  
Division Administrator

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