



September 28, 2015

Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D. C. 20423

Re: Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption – Scott County Tennessee, AB-557 (Sub-No. 1X)

Dear Trustees:

We have received your request for comments regarding prime farmland impacts associated with abandonment of the 3.09 miles of subject rail line in Scott County.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has responsibility for implementing the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to evaluate impacts of Federal programs on the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses.

The subject abandonment project does not require an FPPA assessment by NRCS in Tennessee.

Please call Frank Sagona, Tennessee NRCS Environmental liaison, at (423) 894-1687, Ext. 100, or email at [frank.sagona@tn.usda.gov](mailto:frank.sagona@tn.usda.gov) if you have questions, or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown  
State Conservationist