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CSX Transportation, Inc.
Attn: Melanie Perea
500 Water Street – J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Proposed 0.21 Mile Abandonment
Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Perea:

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no Federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area. Based on the information you have provided, at this time we have no objection to the proposed project.

ENDANGERED SPECIES COMMENTS: Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate any impact on federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, or their habitats. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance with your project proposal, please contact me at the following number (614) 416-8993 x12. I would be happy to discuss the project in further detail with you and provide additional assistance if necessary. In addition, you can find more information on natural resources in Ohio by visiting our homepage at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/ohio>.

Sincerely,

Mary Knapp, Ph.D.
Field Supervisor