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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 479X), BNSF Railway
Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Page and Fremont
Counties, Iowa

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On February 1, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed, with
the Surface Transportation Board, the Environmental and Historic
Reports in the above-referenced proceeding.

Attached please find the additional response BNSF received from
the University of Iowa regarding archaeological sites.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell
Of Counsel

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Wednesday, February 08, 2012

John Sims
BNSF Railway Company
2500 Lou Menk Dr. 3rd Fl
Fort Worth TX 76131-2828

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Iowa Site File Search No. 2012014

Dear John :

I have conducted a search of the Iowa Site File for archaeological sites recorded within the project areas and in a mile buffer described in your request for search on 2/3/2012 . This area includes area btwn Shenandoah and Farragut, IA various sec . No sites were recorded within or very near the project area; Three other sites are within 1 mile of the project area. Other archaeological sites may be present at or near the project location but have not been discovered or reported to the OSA. A summary of site information is included with this letter along with a map of site locations and previously surveyed areas.

If you have not already done so, you may wish to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine whether an archaeological survey may be needed. In the event that previously unidentified archaeological resources are discovered during ground disturbing activities on projects complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or other applicable federal and state laws, construction work should cease in the area of the resource and in the surrounding area where further subsurface remains can reasonably be expected to occur. The responsible federal or state agency and State Historic Preservation Office should be immediately notified and consulted about the discovery.

If during the course of construction or earthmoving signs of a human burial are encountered, those activities should be stopped at once and the Office of the State Archaeologist should be contacted immediately. Human burials may potentially include bone, ashes, or subterranean structures with or without overlying mound structures. All human burials in the state of Iowa are legally protected under Chapters 263B, 566, and 716 of the Iowa Code.

Should you need more information about a particular site, you may write to me including the appropriate site number in your request. Since every county has a different series of site numbers, be sure to include the full trinomial site designation in your request. This designation takes the form of 13XY### where XY is the county abbreviation and ### is the order in which site reports are received for a given county.

The information in this letter is intended to assist you in fulfilling any local, state, or federal laws and regulations related to archaeological sites concerning historic preservation such as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and to assist avoidance of any burial sites potentially located within the subject area. Prior to any federal undertaking, all archaeological sites should be evaluated for their National Register eligibility. Federal undertakings include but are not limited to projects receiving any federal financial support, technical assistance, licenses, or permits received by private landowners or permits received by private landowners or federal, state, or local governments. The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) would need to be contacted for details about the final determination of significance for any site to be affected by a federal undertaking. This letter is not meant to confirm or deny that any applicable requirements have been met.

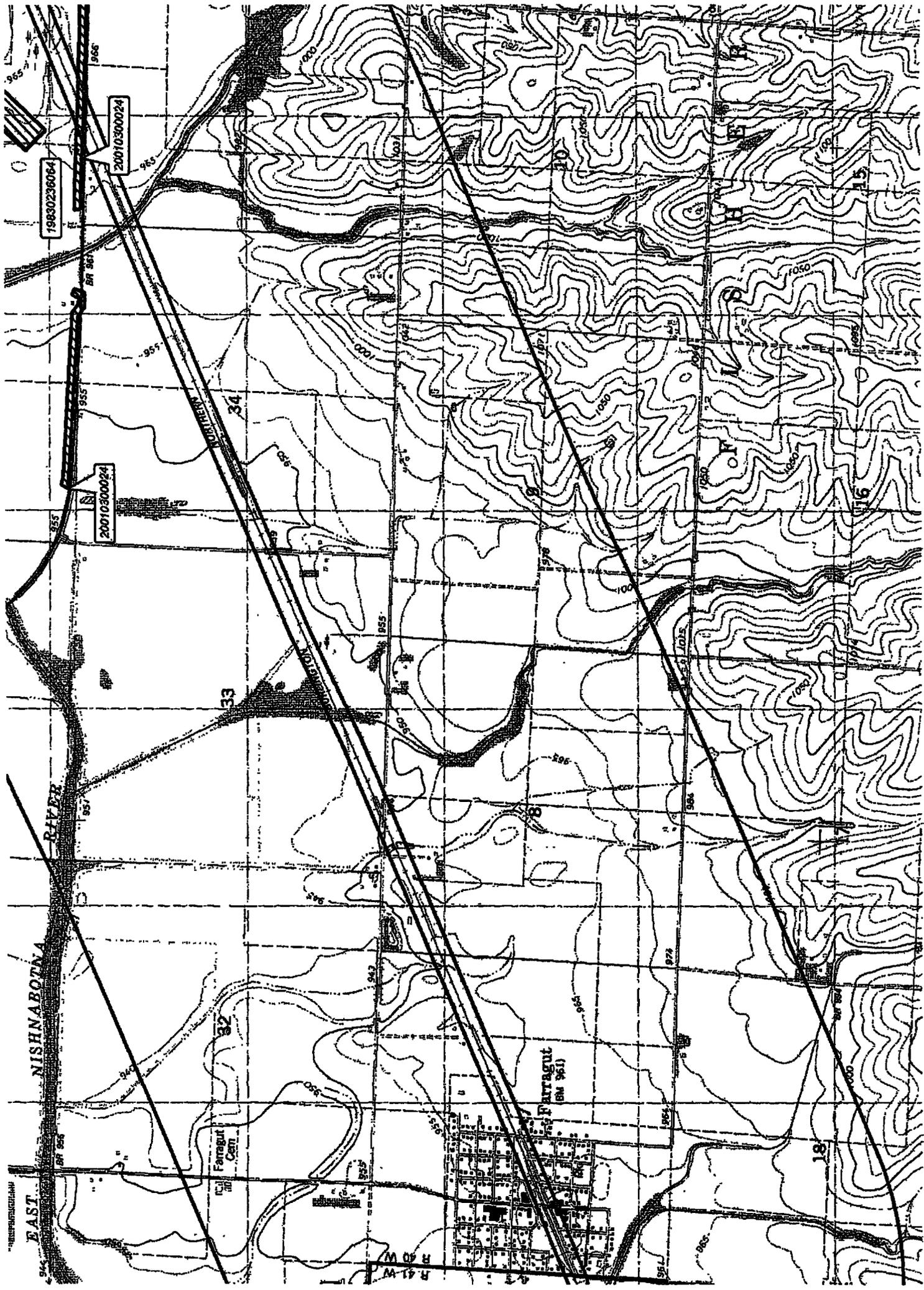
Sincerely,

Colleen Eck
Site Records Manager
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SITE	Cultural Affiliation	Site Type	AREA	DTYPE
13FM5	Prehistoric	Prehistoric scatter	5632.485	polygon
13FM6	Prehistoric	Prehistoric scatter	4925.955	polygon
13PA59	Historic Euro-American	Historic farm/residence	1073.679	polygon
13PA59	Historic Euro-American	Histori scatter	1073.679	polygon
13PA59	Historic Euro-American	Structure/building remains	1073.679	polygon

Dtype definitions

Polygon:	Boundaries and location known
Triangle:	Location and boundaries not certain
Inverted Triangle:	Location known, boundaries unknown
Dot: (10 m radius)	Location known, area < 20 m in any direction
Circle:	Location and site area known, exact boundaries not known



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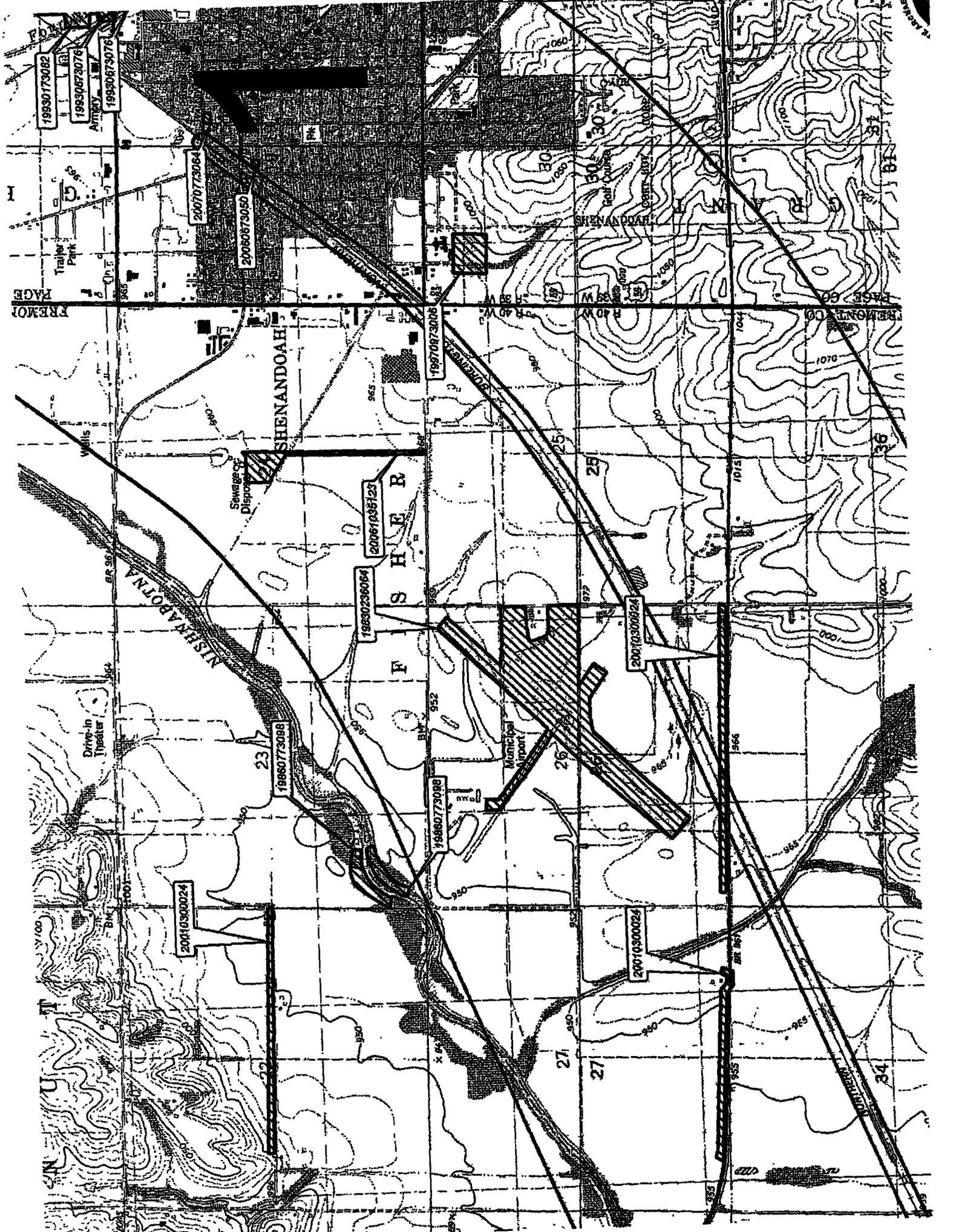
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