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SERVICE DATE - JANUARY 26, 2004

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423**

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 643X)

**CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
in LaPorte, Porter, and Starke Counties, IN**

January 22, 2004

On January 2, 2004, an environmental assessment (EA) was served in this proceeding that inadvertently issued incorrect information in Condition 3 on page 6 of the EA.¹ The correct contact person for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should be Kathleen Kowal at 312-353-5206. Accordingly, Condition 3 on page 6 should read as follows:

3. To address the concerns raised by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Region 5, CSX shall, prior to commencement of any salvage activities on this project, contact the US EPA, Region 5 (Kathleen Kowal, 312-353-5206), concerning removal and salvage methods, final disposition of crossties preserved with creosote, procedures for storing and fueling of construction equipment, procedures for the prevention and/or control of spills, and stormwater runoff mitigation practices to be utilized during abandonment activities.

By the Board, Victoria Rutson, Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ The comment due date set forth in the EA will remain the same.