



EI - 20486

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

**TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET
KENTUCKY HERITAGE COUNCIL**

MARCHETA SPARROW
SECRETARY

THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
300 WASHINGTON STREET
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
PHONE (502) 564-7005
FAX (502) 564-5820
www.heritage.ky.gov

LINDY CASEBIER
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

August 1, 2011

Mr. Mark Wollschlager
HDR Engineering, Inc.
701 Xenia Avenue South
Suite 600
Minneapolis, MN 55416-3636

Re: **Finance Docket No. 35523, CSX Transportation, Inc. – Acquisition-Louisville Indiana Railroad Co.**

Dear Mr. Wollschlager:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U. S. C. Sec. 470f) and implementing regulations at 36 C. F. R. Part 800, the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office received for review and comment a letter with a preliminary description of the above-referenced project. The letter and enclosed map indicates that a small portion of the overall project takes place in Kentucky. Additional train traffic (16 trains per day) will be routed between Jeff Yard, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky after the proposed track rehabilitation takes place. While it appears that the project is only dealing with the rehabilitation of existing track in the existing railroad right-of-way, there is the potential for direct and indirect effects to cultural resources along the path of the rail line. An area of potential effect (APE) will need to be determined with concurrence from our office, and a survey of above-ground resources over fifty years of age will need to be submitted for our review. In addition, any planned ground disturbance may require an archaeological survey. You can find specifications for conducting the fieldwork and generating such reports on our website at <http://heritage.ky.gov/envreview/>. The Indiana State Historic Preservation Office will need to be consulted on the portion of the project that takes place in Indiana. If you should have any questions, please contact Vicki Birenberg of my staff at (502) 564-7005, ext. 127.

Sincerely,

Lindy Casebier
Acting Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Office

LC:vmb