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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC: 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 435X); Docket No. AB-987X; The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment of Albany, Illinois

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Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed is a recently received responses we just received from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Albany, IL abandonment, AB-6 (Sub-No. 435X); Docket No. AB-987X.

Sincerely,

Brian Nettles

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Railroad line between Mileposts 20.31 and 25.40, Albany.

STB,
BNSF Railway Company Abandonment

December 9, 2005

Michael Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project(s) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two (2) years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you are an applicant, please submit a copy of this letter to the state or federal agency from which you obtain any permit, license, grant, or other assistance.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

AEH

cc:



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November 29, 2005

Operations Division

SUBJECT: CEMVR-OD-P-2005-1714

Mr. Michael Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Our office reviewed your application dated November 11, 2005, concerning abandonment of the Burlington, Northern, Santa Fe railroad line from mile post 25.40 near the Mississippi River in various Sections, Township 21 North, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties, Illinois.

We determined your project as proposed does not require a Department of Section 10 or 404 permit. The decision regarding this action is based on information in the administrative record which documents the District's decision-making process, the decision, and the final decision. No indication of discharge of dredged or fill material was found to occur in waters of the United States (including wetlands). Therefore, no permit is required.

Should your project involve the extraction of any bridges, you are required to remove all materials to an upland, non-wetland site, and to remove all pilings to at least streambed elevations. You are also required to seed all disturbed areas with riparian vegetation and implement appropriate measures to insure that sediments are not introduced into the United States during your project.

You are advised that this determination for your project is valid for five years from the date of this letter. If the project is not completed within this five-year period or you change the project, you should contact our office for another determination.

You may accept or appeal the attached Approved Jurisdiction Determination information for our consideration. If you decide to appeal this decision, please provide the information contained in the enclosed Notification of Administrative Appeal Process and Request for Appeal. Please note that your appeal of this decision must be filed within 60 days of the date of this letter. This documentation is to be signed and returned to you if you wish to file an appeal. If you do not wish to appeal, this document should be returned to us.

Although an individual Department of the Army permit and individual IF certification will not be required for the project, this does not eliminate the need for you to still acquire other applicable Federal, state, and local permits. If you have coordinated your project with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Resources, please contact them at 217/782-3863 to determine if a floodplain is required for your project.



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