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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 713X)

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Railroad Milepost ORA-676.27 to Railroad Milepost ORA-677.79, a distance of 1.5 miles in Hybart, Monroe County, Alabama, as depicted on the attached map labeled Exhibit "A".

The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon our common carrier obligation, update our records and salvage the track.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(9)(ii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects."

It is CSXT's opinion that there will be no impact on designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains because our intent at this time is to only remove CSXT's metal track material, cross-ties and perhaps the upper layer of ballast and to preserve the existing routes of water flow and drainage. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and CSXT does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The track removal will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. The cross-ties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity (as stated above) and include any comments received from your office.

Further enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action labeled Exhibit "B".

Sincerely,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

A Department of the Army permit will not be required for your project as proposed

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