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June 24, 2004

Rini Ghosh
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-6 Sub-No. 420X
Railroad Abandonment
Mercer County, N.D.

*received
7/12/04*

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

This department has reviewed the information concerning the above-referenced project submitted under date of June 10, 2004, with respect to possible environmental impacts.

This department believes that environmental impacts from the proposed railroad abandonment will be minor and can be controlled by proper salvage and disposal methods. With respect to the abandonment, we have the following comments:

1. Follow Best Management Practices during salvage activities to prevent dirt, construction debris, and waste material from entering a storm drainage system or water body.
2. Any releases of petroleum products, hazardous materials, or chemicals that may impact human health or the environment, which are known to have occurred in the past or are discovered in the project area during abandonment and salvage operations, must be reported to the North Dakota Department of Health. The Department's Environmental Emergency Response Contacts List is attached.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

L. David Glatt, P.E., Chief
Environmental Health Section

LDG:cc
Attach.

Environmental Health
Section Chief's Office
701-328-5150

Air
Quality
701-328-5188

Municipal
Facilities
701-328-5211

Waste
Management
701-328-5166

Water
Quality
701-328-5210

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Environmental Emergency Response Contacts List

NORMAL WORKING HOURS
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Call the office phone numbers

AFTER HOURS
24 hours per day, 7 days per week
STATE RADIO
1-701-328-9921
or
1-800-472-2121 (in-state calls)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION
CASE MANAGER**
Office phone no.: 328-5150

Alternate Contact

Primary Contacts

WATER POLLUTION
oil spills
Office phone no.: 328-5210

AIR POLLUTION
gases, vapors
Office phone no.: 328-5188

RADIATION
radioactive materials
Office phone no.: 328-5188

**TOXIC &
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**
pesticides, insecticides, chemicals
Office phone no.: 328-5166

DRINKING WATER
public water systems
Office phone no.: 328-5211

CHEMISTRY LABORATORY
sample analysis
Office phone no.: 328-6140

1st Alternative Contact
Dana Mount
Office phone no.: 328-5150
Home phone no.: 223-6735

2nd Alternative Contact
L. David Glatt
Office phone no.: 328-5150
Home phone no.: 255-6391

Dana Mount

Approved by: *Dana Mount*
Date: June 4, 2002

Emergency Response Coordinator

L. David Glatt

Approved by: *L. David Glatt*
Date: June 4, 2002

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