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Dave Navecky
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Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, SW, Suite 1100
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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Notification of the Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding a notice of exemption for abandonment of 3.71 miles of rail line between milepost QST 1.42 (Park Avenue) to milepost QST 5.13 (Spring Hill) known as a portion of the 1st Street Lead, Graham Grain Lead, and the International Paper Lead (DHPA #9327)

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated October 8, 2010 and received on October 19, 2010 for the above indicated project in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana.

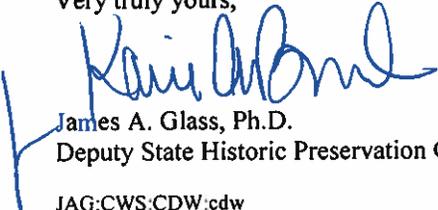
As stated in our previous letter dated September 14, 2010, archaeological sites 12Vi801 (Lock #43) and 12Vi802 (Lock #44) are within the proposed project area. It appears that the railroad is on the towpath of the Wabash and Erie Canal associated with the above locks. It is our understanding that all proposed project activities will remain within the railroad and road rights-of-way and that the intact portions of these sites and the canal itself will be avoided by all ground disturbing activities. With the above conditions, no archaeological investigations appear necessary for this project.

We see no reason to object to the Surface Transportation Board's October 8, 2010 finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project provided that all proposed project activities will remain within the railroad and road rights-of-way and that the intact portions of sites 12Vi801 (Lock #43) and 12Vi802 (Lock #44) and the canal itself will be avoided by all ground disturbing activities.

If any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov.

Very truly yours,


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