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Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

The area in question on the map with the Environmental and Historic Reports for the proposed rail line abandonment of CSX Transportation, Inc. for a portion of it's rail line from LaCrosse to Wellsboro and from North Judson to Malden in LaPorte, Starke and Porter Counties, Indiana, STB Docket No. - Not Stated, has been reviewed within the areas of National Geodetic Survey (NGS) responsibility and expertise and in terms of the impact of the proposed actions on NGS activities and projects.

As a result of this review, 2 geodetic station markers have been identified that may be affected by the proposed abandonment; a listing of these markers is enclosed. Additional information about these station markers can be obtained via the Internet or NGS CD-ROM. A fact sheet for these two data retrieval methods is enclosed. If there are any planned activities which will disturb or destroy these markers, NGS requires not less than 90 days notification in advance of such activities in order to plan for their relocation.

If further information is needed for this geodetic marker, contact Mr. Frank C. Maida. His address is NOAA, N/NGS2, Room 8736, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282, telephone: 301-713-3198, fax: 301-713-4324, e-mail: Frank.Maida@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

FROM LaCROSSE TO WELLSBORO AND FROM NORTH JUDSON TO MALDEN

IN LaPORTE, STARKE AND PORTER COUNTIES, INDIANA

STB DOCKET NO. - NOT AVAILABLE

2 GEODETIC CONTROL MARKS IN THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENT AREA

| PIDS | DESIGNATION | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE |
|--------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| ME0675 | H 24 | N411315 | W0864634 |
| ME1315 | W 143 RESET 1956 | N412236 | W0870136 |



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The National Geodetic Survey's (NGS) data sheet contains position, height, and descriptive information for approximately 750,000 control points throughout the United States. The data sheet provides:

- ▶ The geodetic coordinates and the orthometric height for each point
- ▶ The horizontal and vertical datums on which the information is based
- ▶ State plane coordinates and Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates
- ▶ Modeled geoid height, ellipsoidal height, modeled gravity, and Laplace correction
- ▶ A description of the station's location and how to reach it

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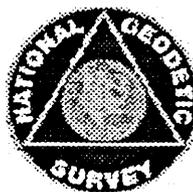
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