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Ms. Victoria Rutson  
Chief, Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub-No. 482X), BNSF Railway  
Company -- Abandonment Exemption -- In Cook County,  
Illinois

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On April 3, 2012, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") filed, with the  
Surface Transportation Board, the Environmental and Historic  
Reports in the above-referenced proceeding.

Attached please find the additional response BNSF received from  
the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell  
Of Counsel

Enclosure

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
111 NORTH CANAL STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-7206

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

April 12, 2012

Technical Services Division  
Regulatory Branch  
LRC-2012-00035

**SUBJECT:** Information Request for Proposed Abandonment of 2.38 Miles of Railway Project near South Lawndale, Cook County, Illinois

John Sims  
BNSF Railway Company - Law Department  
2500 Lou Menk Drive - AOB -3  
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828

Dear Mr. Sims:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, is in receipt of your letter dated January 6, 2012 describing the proposed BNSF Railway abandonment project. Your notification has been assigned number LRC-2012-00035. Please reference this number in all future correspondence concerning your proposed activity.

Following our initial review of your notification, it appears your activity may qualify for authorization under RP 3 for the proposed bridge removal within a navigable waterway. However, your notification is considered incomplete at this time. Please familiarize yourself with the RPP dated April 1, 2007 prior to submitting additional project information. The following information shall be submitted to this office to complete your notification:

1. A detailed description of the proposed bridge removal within the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal;
2. A map showing the location of the project site;
3. The area (in acres) of waters of the U.S. to be impacted;
4. A completed joint application form signed by the applicant or agent. If the agent signs, notification must include a written statement from the applicant designating the agent as its representative;
5. A delineation of waters of the U.S. located at the project site;
6. Construction drawings (11" X 17") showing all aspects of the proposed activity, including existing and proposed contours, utilities, the location of wetlands/waters of the United States to be impacted and not impacted (color-coded for identification purposes),

the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) and/or the Normal Water Level (NWL) of all waters, and the observed outermost boundary of all wetlands. In addition, the drawings shall include a detailed plan and profile view of all structures to be installed in jurisdictional areas. The drawings shall also include landscaping plans that depict protective buffers to all remaining waters and wetlands that are planted in native vegetation. Include the most recent cover page for the construction drawings. Include the most recent cover page and index page(s) for the construction drawings disclosing current revision dates on all sheets;

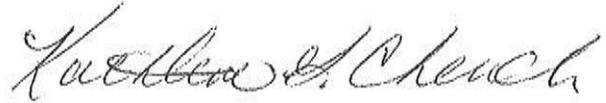
7. The permitting program requires you to submit to this office a copy of the soil erosion and sediment control (SESC) plans for the proposed project for review and approval. You are also required to retain a qualified SESC inspector to perform periodic inspections of the Corps approved SESC measures at the site, and to ensure proper installation and regular maintenance of the approved methods. The ISI shall provide a detailed narrative that explains the measures to be implemented at the project site and to perform site inspections of the implemented SESC measures to ensure proper installation and regular maintenance of the approved methods. The SESC inspector shall submit digital photographs of the SESC measures to the Corps on a weekly basis during the active and non-active phases of construction that represent the existing conditions of the site. Photographs shall be submitted at the completion of the project once the SESC measures have been removed and the area has been restored to pre-construction conditions. The contact information for the Independent SESC Inspector (ISI) shall be submitted to this office via e-mail and/or hard copy prior to the Corps issuance of any permit and prior to commencement of work in jurisdictional areas. Please refer to the ISI Contact Information Form previously faxed to you for further information regarding this requirement;

Please visit our website for a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) regarding the RPP. The document contains a comprehensive listing of frequently asked questions and answers that specifically pertain to the District's regulatory program. You can access our website at: [www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r/rppfaq](http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r/rppfaq) .

Your notification will not be processed under the RPP until you submit the above information to this office. If you choose not to furnish this information, you may request in writing that your project be reviewed through the Individual Permit (IP) process. The IP process, which normally takes about 90 to 120 days to complete, requires the same information requested above and the issuance of a public notice. If you do not respond to this letter within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter providing either the necessary information, a request for additional time to gather the information, or a request that your project be reviewed through the IP process, your application will be withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate M. Bliss of my staff by telephone at 312-846-5542, or email at [Kate.M.Bliss@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kate.M.Bliss@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen G. Chernich".

Kathleen G. Chernich  
Chief, East Section  
Regulatory Branch