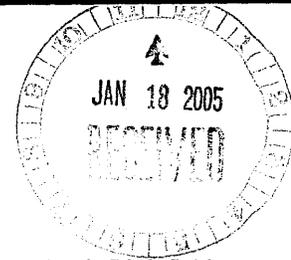


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**Re: *The North Dakota Historical Society's Class I Cultural Inventory Results; Soo Line Railroad Company's Abandonment of Approximately 28.35+/- miles of Rail Line Between Devils Lake, North Dakota and Harlow, North Dakota; STB Docket No.: AB-57 (Sub No. 54X)***

Dear Mr. Williams:

The North Dakota Historical Society requested that our client, Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("Soo Line"), perform a reasonable literature search of the buildings and structures located within the area of potential effect (APE) in connection with the above-referenced Petition for Exemption to Abandon. Soo Line conducted the research and the results indicated that no historic properties are within the APE. Soo Line prepared and submitted a report to SHPO for review. SHPO found the report acceptable and agreed with Soo Line's findings.

I have enclosed for filing in the record the original and 10 copies of the December 20, 2004 letter from the North Dakota SHPO, stating that SHPO concurs with the "No Historic Properties Affected" determination for this project.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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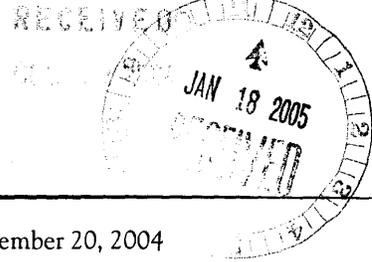
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**ND SHPO REF.: 04-0783**, Proposed Soo Line Railroad Company Line  
Abandonment, Benson and Ramsey Counties, ND. STB Docket No.: AB-57  
(Sub No. 54X).

Dear Ms. Littlefield:

We have reviewed: *Soo Line Railroad Company Class I Cultural Resource Inventory  
Rail Line Abandonment Project Ramsey and Benson Counties, North Dakota* by Amy  
Guthrie Sakariassen, and have found the report acceptable.

We concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" determination provided the  
project is of the nature specified and takes place in the legal description listed in  
the correspondence, and that no railway bridges and/or stations with standing  
structures over 50 years of age are to be abandoned for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND  
SHPO Reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this  
specific project. If you have any questions please contact Duane Klinner at (701)  
328-3576 (email at [dklinner@state.nd.us](mailto:dklinner@state.nd.us)).

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer  
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