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**From:** Assenza, Adam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** diane ryerson  
**Subject:** RE: NCRA Railbanking Support Letter

Hello Ms. Ryerson,

The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) conducts environmental and historic reviews of abandonment cases filed before the Surface Transportation Board (STB, or Board) to determine if the proposed action would have any negative impact on a variety of resource areas, including but not limited to water quality, habitat, local traffic, and noise. At the end of its review, OEA recommends mitigating conditions that the Board may impose on any decisions granting the requested abandonment authority, if necessary to protect any of those resources.

OEA does not consider whether or not a rail line under consideration for abandonment is railbanked, nor have any role in making that determination. That process is overseen by other offices within the STB.

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Thank you,

**ADAM ASSENZA**

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**From:** diane ryerson <adryerson7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:15 PM  
**To:** Assenza, Adam <Adam.Assenza@stb.gov>  
**Cc:** diane ryerson <adryerson7@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** NCRA Railbanking Support Letter

Hello Adam Assenza,

Please convey my letter to members of the Surface Transportation Board; it is attached to this email.

Thank you for your assistance.

Diane Ryerson  
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