



Natural Resources Conservation Service

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**Alabama and Florida Railway Co., Inc.
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***RE: Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc, Abandonment Exemption in
Geneva, Coffee, and Covington, Counties, AL, AB-1037 (Sub No. 1X)***

Crystal Zorbaugh,

This letter is in response to a request for comment on ***Alabama & Florida Railway Co., Inc., Abandonment Exemption project in Geneva, Coffee, and Covington Counties, AL.*** It has been determined that this project is considered maintenance to existing infrastructure and is therefore exempt from the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) per activities listed below:

Activities not subject to FPPA include:

- *Federal permitting and licensing*
- *Projects planned and completed without the assistance of a Federal agency*
- *Projects on land already in urban development or used for water storage*
- *Construction within an existing right-of-way purchased on or before August 4, 1984*
- *Construction for national defense purposes*
- *Construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations*
- *Surface mining, where restoration to agricultural use is planned*
- *Construction of new minor secondary structures such as a garage or storage shed.*

Erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented and maintained during the construction phases of this project to protect land, water, and other related resources. Plans for construction should include sediment basins/traps and other erosion control practices, including coverage of bare soil as soon as possible by temporary/permanent vegetative and/or physical structures. If you have any questions, contact me at **334-530-0108** or **dandre.yancey@usda.gov**.

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