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Josh Wayland
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption in Vanderburgh County, IN

Dear Mr. Wayland,

The Quapaw Nation Historic Preservation Program (QNHPP) has received and reviewed the information you have provided. Based upon the information you provided we believe that the proposed Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption in Vanderburgh County, IN will have no effect to known properties of cultural or sacred significance to the Quapaw Nation.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [16 U.S.C. 470 §§ 470-470w-6] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in S101 (d) (6) (A), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The Quapaw Nation has vital interests in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. We do not anticipate that this project will adversely impact any cultural resources or human remains protected under the NHPA, NEPA, or the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. If however, artifacts or human remains are discovered during project construction, we ask that work cease immediately and that you contact the Quapaw Nation Historic Preservation Office.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Quapaw Nation on this matter.

Sincerely,



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