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Good morning. Our list of Section 106 consulting parties has been evolving since the case started back in 2008/2009. We identified many consulting parties over the years and are currently at 29. As organizations with an interest reach out to us, we consider whether to add them as a consulting party. Over the summer we added a number of additional organizations to our list, based upon information provided. If there are other Jersey City organizations or associations that may have an interest in the Harsimus Branch Abandonment, and they are interested in potentially being added as a consulting party, they should reach out to me. Or if you have information that we should consider, please send that to me. We want to have as extensive and inclusive a Section 106 process as possible, involving the community as much as we can.

Thank you very much for reaching out. If you need more information, or have more questions, please let me know.

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Hi Alan,

Regarding

"DECISION ID NO. 47353 for CONRAIL HARSIMUS BRANCH ABANDONMENT"

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I did not have a comment, but rather a question on the abandonment process and MOA.

On page 52 of the "Cultural Resources Effects Assessment Report Addendum", it states "Other consulting parties may be invited to participate in a MOA/PA as invited signatories or concurring parties, as appropriate." Why is it that the various Jersey City stakeholder organizations are not signatories or concurring parties for the MOA ?

Thank you in advance for your advisement.

-Jay Lee