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RE AB 33-262X UP Railroad Abandonment and Discontinuance of Elm Industrial
Lead in Fulton and Peoria Counties, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

Here the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is at it again asking for the 20th extension for a NITU with the same old lame excuses as before. This time one of their excuses is one of UP's attorneys has retired. What do you expect when you drag out sometime for ten years with exactly no results? According to the IDNR filing, they do not have any appraisals after almost 10 years of NITU extensions. This is the poster child for what NARPO is asking for in the pending EP 749 proposed rulemaking.

NARPO also notices in this September 21, 2018 filing, the real negotiator for the NITU is the Hanna City Trail Coalition which is not a government agency, but the Hanna City Trail Coalition is using the IDNR as a front person so they can avoid the filing fees the STB has instituted. This is another game the trail entities use to escape the filing fees, and then change the trail user to a non-government entity once the trail use agreement is reached. Maybe this is something the STB can address in EP 749 that is pending.

NARPO requests the STB to not give the IDNR or the Hanna City Trail Coalition any more NITU extensions for AB 33-262X. Enough is enough!

Thank you.

Richard Welsh--NARPO

I certify that I have served the Parties of Record via email with this letter.

Signed Richard Welsh Dated September 24, 2018