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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Rainelle, Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia.
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 768X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 6.0 miles of its rail line between from Railroad Milepost CAF 21.0 to Railroad Milepost CAF 27.0 also known as the Sewell Valley Subdivision, near Rainelle, Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia.

The above referenced 6.0-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over 2 years.

As further information, this line received Surface Transportation Board (STB) approval for a Discontinuance of Service on April 4, 2016. This line ends at a previous abandonment that has been converted into the Meadow River Trail. CSXT and The Greenbrier County Commission and the Fayette County Commission have reached an agreement to transfer the corridor and convert the line to a Trail under a notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) agreement with the STB contingent on STB approval for authority to abandon.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossies, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. CSXT does not intend to disturb any sub grade or sub grade structures. Any trail related structures, such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels will not be salvaged. Finally, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the

opportunity costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachment 1)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report. (See Attachment 2)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger or freight traffic on this Line. Since there has not been any traffic on this Line in over 2 years, there will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant received a response dated October 3, 2016 and November 1, 2016 from Governor Earl Ray Tomblin stating *"your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate division in my office for further review."* (See Attachment 3)

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the West Virginia Department of Transportation State Rail Authority, the Fayette County Commission or the Greenbrier County requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 4, 5, 6)

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). (See Attachment 7)

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

The State of West Virginia does not have a Coastal Zone Management Program.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected Line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail Line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail Line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any

speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in an improvement to public safety by the elimination of four (4) road crossings.

- (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

Not applicable.

- (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous

materials involved.

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, MA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 8)

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the National Park service in Philadelphia PA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 12)

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the Line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the West Virginia

Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant has received a response to its September 26, 2016 and another response dated November 7, 2016 stating "*A DA permit is not required from this office for the proposed activity*" from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. (See Attachment 10)

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the underlying road-bed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant has not received a response to its September 26, 2016 or November 18, 2016 letters to the U.S. Regional EPA Office in Philadelphia, PA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 11)

Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant believes that a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act may not be required.

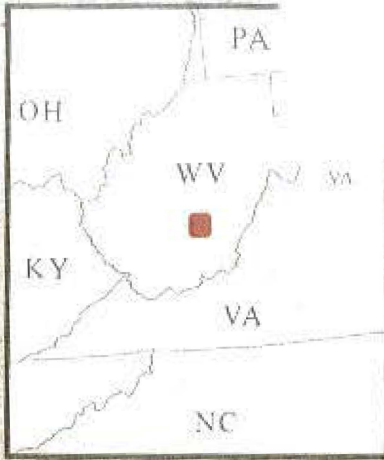
10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

Attachment 1

**Nicholas County
West Virginia**



**Greenbrier County
West Virginia**

**Fayette County
West Virginia**

End Abandonment
CAF 27.0

Start Abandonment
CAF 21.0

- Engineering Mileposts
- Proposed Abandonment
- Previously Abandoned/Industry
- CSX Operating Track

WV 019 1078842



**CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Sewell Valley Subdivision**

Milepost CAF 21.0 to CAF 27.0 (6 miles)
Rainelle, Greenbrier & Fayette Counties, WV

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Feet

Attachment 2

CSXT Abandonment External Distribution List Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, WV

West Virginia Department of Transportation
State Rail Authority
Ms. Cindy Butler
120 Water Plant Drive
Moorefield, WV 26836

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
465 Ragland Road
Beckley, WV 25801

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntington District
502 8th Street
Huntington, WV 25701-2070

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Northeast Regional Office
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035-9589

Fayette County Commission
100 Court Street
Post Office Box 307
Fayetteville, WV 25840-0307

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street
Charleston, WV 25304

U.S. EPA
Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

National Park Service-Northeast Region
U.S. Custom House
200 Chestnut Street, Fifth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Office of the Governor-Earl Ray Tomblin
State Capitol
1900 Kanawha Blvd, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Greenbrier County
912 Court Street N
Lewisburg, WV 24901



Attachment 3

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1900 KANAWHA BOULEVARD, EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25305
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EARL RAY TOMBLIN
GOVERNOR

October 3, 2016

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services
CSX
500 Water Street-J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202-4423

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your thoughts and concerns, and particularly the time you took to send them to me.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate division in my office for further review.

Please accept my most sincere best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "T".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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Attachment 3

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1900 KANAWHA BOULEVARD, EAST
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EARL RAY TOMBLIN
GOVERNOR

November 1, 2016

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Sincerely,

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Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

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Attachment 4

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September 26, 2016

West Virginia Department of Transportation
State Rail Authority
Ms. Cindy Butler
120 Water Plant Drive
Moorefield, WV 26836

Dear Ms. Butler,

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) is considering to file with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) an Abandonment Notice of Exemption. We are seeking authority to proceed from a Discontinuance of Service to an Abandonment Filing in order to convert the line into a trail. The line is located in the Southern Region, Florence Division, Sewell Valley Subdivision, from Railroad Milepost CAF 21.0 to CAF 27.0. The distance is approximately 6.0 miles located near Rainelle, Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia as depicted on the attached map. Surface Transportation Board (STB) Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 768X).

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The purpose of the proposed action is to abandon our common carrier obligation over the line and establish interim trail use/rail banking in order to preserve the contiguous corridor.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations [49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3) (i)] require that CSXT develop a response to the following statement:



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November 18, 2016

West Virginia Department of Transportation
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Ms. Cindy Butler
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Dear Ms. Butler;

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc. - Proposed Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 768X)

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If your comments have not been received by December 16, 2016 CSXT will take the position before the STB that there are no environmental impacts for the proposed abandonment within your agency's jurisdiction.

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September 26, 2016

Fayette County Commission
100 Court Street
Post Office Box 307
Fayetteville, WV 25840-0307

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"Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land."



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Please advise if any of the land contiguous to CSXT's line in the project area is classified as prime agriculture land.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity and include any comments received from your office. This environmental report can be sent electronically by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Please email Jo_Burroughs@csx.com if you wish to receive the report electronically. If we do not receive notification, it will be mailed via USPS.

Enclosed is a distribution list of all parties that have been copied on the proposed action. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

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Attachment 7

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November 18, 2016

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
465 Ragland Road
Beckley, WV 25801

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If your comments have not been received by December 19, 2016 CSXT will take the position before the STB that there are no environmental impacts for the proposed abandonment within your agency's jurisdiction.

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September 26, 2016

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Northeast Regional Office
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, MA 01035-9589

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- (i) *Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.*
- (ii) *State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.*

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact to any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitats, wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks, or forests.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity and include any comments received from your office. This environmental report can be sent electronically by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Please email Jo_Burroughs@csx.com if you wish to receive the report electronically. If we do not receive notification, it will be mailed via USPS.

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Attachment 9

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September 26, 2016

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street
Charleston, WV 25304

Dear Sir/Madam;

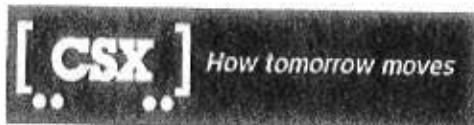
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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (9) (i) and (iii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statements:

- (i) *"Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies."*



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(iii) "State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action."

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time. As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed project and include any comments received from your office. This environmental report can be sent electronically by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Please email Jo_Burroughs@csx.com if you wish to receive the report electronically. If we do not receive notification, it will be mailed via USPS.

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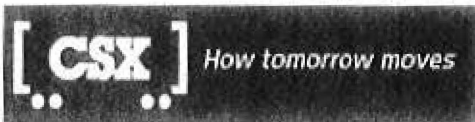
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HUNTINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
502 EIGHTH STREET
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25701-2070

Attachment 10

OCT 28 2016

Regulatory Division
South/Transportation Branch
LRH-2016-930-GAU-Meadow River

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street J-315
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Ms. Burroughs:

I refer to preliminary information received in this office on October 5, 2016, regarding a 6 mile railroad abandonment project located near Rainelle, in Greenbrier and Fayette Counties, West Virginia. This project has been assigned file number LRH-2016-930-GAU-Meadow River. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

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Based on your description of the proposed work, and other information available, it appears the proposed project may impact waters of the United States. Therefore, under Section 404 and/or Section 10, a DA authorization may be required. It is the responsibility of the applicant, or the applicant's consultant, to determine the presence and limits of potential waters of the United States, including wetlands, within the project area.

To further evaluate the project additional information is required. Typically, the attached DA permit application form (DA form 4345), completed in accordance with the included instructions, provides the information required to evaluate the proposed project.

If you have any questions regarding DA permit requirements, please contact the South/Transportation Branch at (304) 399-5710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kayla N. Adkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Adkins" being more prominent and stylized.

Kayla N. Adkins
Regulatory Project Manager
South/Transportation Branch

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT
 33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CFCW-CO-R.

Form Approved -
OMB No. 0710-0003
Expires: 30-SEPTEMBER-2015

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters, Executive Services and Communications Directorate, Information Management Division and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0710-0003). Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number. Please DO NOT RETURN your form to either of those addresses. Completed applications must be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers, Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary; however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)

1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
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(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address -		8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address -	
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS Address - City - State - Zip - Country -		9. AGENT'S ADDRESS Address - City - State - Zip - Country -	
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax		10. AGENT'S PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax	

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

11. I hereby authorize _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions)			
13. NAME OF WATERBODY IF KNOWN (if applicable)		14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) Address -	
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT Latitude: +N Longitude: -W		City - State - Zip -	
16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS IF KNOWN (see instructions) State Tax Parcel ID Municipality Section - Township Range -			

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? ☐ Yes ☐ No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc. Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list)

a. Address:

City -

State -

Zip -

b. Address:

City -

State -

Zip -

c. Address:

City -

State -

Zip -

d. Address:

City -

State -

Zip -

e. Address:

City -

State -

Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application:

AGENCY

TYPE APPROVAL*

IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER

DATE APPLIED

DATE APPROVED

DATE DENIED

* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits.

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

DATE

The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filed out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: "Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both."

**Instructions for Preparing a
Department of the Army Permit Application**

Blocks 1 through 4. To be completed by Corps of Engineers.

Block 5. Applicant's Name. Enter the name and the E-mail address of the responsible party or parties. If the responsible party is an agency, company, corporation, or other organization, indicate the name of the organization and responsible officer and title. If more than one party is associated with the application, please attach a sheet with the necessary information marked Block 5.

Block 6. Address of Applicant. Please provide the full address of the party or parties responsible for the application. If more space is needed, attach an extra sheet of paper marked Block 6.

Block 7. Applicant Telephone Number(s). Please provide the number where you can usually be reached during normal business hours.

Blocks 8 through 11. To be completed, if you choose to have an agent.

Block 8. Authorized Agent's Name and Title. Indicate name of individual or agency, designated by you, to represent you in this process. An agent can be an attorney, builder, contractor, engineer, or any other person or organization. Note: An agent is not required.

Blocks 9 and 10. Agent's Address and Telephone Number. Please provide the complete mailing address of the agent, along with the telephone number where he / she can be reached during normal business hours.

Block 11. Statement of Authorization. To be completed by applicant, if an agent is to be employed.

Block 12. Proposed Project Name or Title. Please provide name identifying the proposed project, e.g., Landmark Plaza, Burned Hills Subdivision, or Edsall Commercial Center.

Block 13. Name of Waterbody. Please provide the name of any stream, lake, marsh, or other waterway to be directly impacted by the activity. If it is a minor (no name) stream, identify the waterbody the minor stream enters.

Block 14. Proposed Project Street Address. If the proposed project is located at a site having a street address (not a box number), please enter it here.

Block 15. Location of Proposed Project. Enter the latitude and longitude of where the proposed project is located. If more space is required, please attach a sheet with the necessary information marked Block 15.

Block 16. Other Location Descriptions. If available, provide the Tax Parcel Identification number of the site, Section, Township, and Range of the site (if known), and / or local Municipality that the site is located in.

Block 17. Directions to the Site. Provide directions to the site from a known location or landmark. Include highway and street numbers as well as names. Also provide distances from known locations and any other information that would assist in locating the site. You may also provide description of the proposed project location, such as lot numbers, tract numbers, or you may choose to locate the proposed project site from a known point (such as the right descending bank of Smith Creek, one mile downstream from the Highway 14 bridge). If a large river or stream, include the river mile of the proposed project site if known.

Block 18. Nature of Activity. Describe the overall activity or project. Give appropriate dimensions of structures such as wing walls, dikes (identify the materials to be used in construction, as well as the methods by which the work is to be done), or excavations (length, width, and height). Indicate whether discharge of dredged or fill material is involved. Also, identify any structure to be constructed on a fill, piles, or float-supported platforms.

The written descriptions and illustrations are an important part of the application. Please describe, in detail, what you wish to do. If more space is needed, attach an extra sheet of paper marked Block 18.

Block 19. Proposed Project Purpose. Describe the purpose and need for the proposed project. What will it be used for and why? Also include a brief description of any related activities to be developed as the result of the proposed project. Give the approximate dates you plan to both begin and complete all work.



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Regulatory Division
South/Transportation Branch
LRH-2016-930-GAU-Meadow River

Ms. Jo Ann Burroughs
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street J-315
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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The Corps originally requested additional information for the proposed railroad abandonment project in a letter dated October 28, 2016. In that letter this office stated that under Section 404 and/or Section 10, a Department of the Army (DA) authorization may be required for the proposed railroad abandonment project. It is the responsibility of the applicant, or the applicant's consultant, to determine the presence and limits of potential waters of the United States, including wetlands, within the project area.

According to the preliminary Environmental Report provided by CSX Transportation, the proposed railroad abandonment project would not include the discharge of dredged and/or fill material within waters of the United States. Removal of material will be completed using existing right-of-ways and existing public and private access roads. You have indicated no new access roads will be constructed. Additionally, you stated that during the salvage process material will not be discarded within streams, wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways.

Based on a review of the additional information you provided, we have determined the railroad abandonment project will neither result in discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States nor involve work in, on, over or under a navigable water of the United States. Therefore, a DA permit is not required from this office for the proposed activity. However, if this determination changes and it becomes necessary perform work in, adjacent to or under navigable waters, or to discharge dredged or fill material into waters or navigable waters of the U.S., including wetlands, authorization from the Corps would be required.

We appreciate your concern for our nation's aquatic resources. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Kayla N. Adkins at (304) 399-5850, by mail at the above address or by email at kayla.n.adkins@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sarah M. Workman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Sarah M. Workman
Regulatory Project Manager
South/Transportation Branch



Jo Ann Burroughs
Manager Network Services

Attachment 11

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September 26, 2016

U.S. EPA

Region 3

1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Sir/Madam:

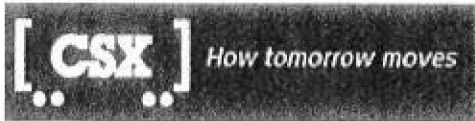
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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (9) (i) and (iii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statements.

(i) *Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality*



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standards. Describe any inconsistencies."

(iii) "State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action."

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time. As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed project and include any comments received from your office. This environmental report can be sent electronically by email or through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Please email Jo_Burroughs@csx.com if you wish to receive the report electronically. If we do not receive notification, it will be mailed via USPS.

Enclosed is a distribution list of all parties that have been copied on the proposed action. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 12

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National Geodetic Survey
Mr. Simon Monroe
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Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction.

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