

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, AND ADMINISTRATION

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MEMORANDUM

4/14/06

TO: Ann Newman, Director's Office
Office of Proceedings

FROM: Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

SUBJECT: **POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1186X) Consolidated Rail
Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—In Cumberland County, NJ**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ Notice of Exemption ☐ Petition For Exemption ☐ Regulated Abandonment

☐ **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

☐ The following recommendations in the EA are unchanged:

☐ Historic ☐ Fish & Wildlife ☐ Corps of Engineers ☐ EPA

☐ No Conditions

☐ Other: National Geodetic Survey notification

☐ Independent consultation requires the following new or changed conditions:

☐ Historic ☐ Fish & Wildlife ☐ Corps of Engineers ☐ No Conditions

☐ Other:

(SEE 1. and 2. below for specific changes.)

☒ **NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

☐ Based on comments received, the following conditions should remain the same:

☐ Historic ☐ Fish & Wildlife ☐ Corps of Engineers ☐ EPA

☐ No Conditions

☐ Other:

☒ Based on comments received, we recommend the following new or changed conditions:

☒ Historic ☐ Fish & Wildlife ☐ Corps of Engineers ☐ No conditions

☐ Other:

(SEE 1. and 2. below for specific changes.)

1. **PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:** The Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey determined that the proposed abandonment will have no adverse effect upon National Register of Historic Places eligible Millville and Glassboro Railroad Historic District. SEA recommends that the section 106 condition be removed.

2. THE FOLLOWING NEW CONDITIONS ARE RECOMMENDED:

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cc: Office of Congressional and Public Services (Public Docket) - (2 copies)
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Attention: Section on Environmental Analysis

Dear Mr. Williams:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77725-77739) and amended on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40544-40555), I am providing **Consultation Comments** for the following proposed action:

**STB Number AB 167 (Sub-Number 1186 X)
Consolidated Railroad Corporation (CONRAIL)
Clayville Industrial Track
Abandonment of Railroad Right of Way milepost 0.0 to milepost 1.0
City of Vineland, Cumberland County.**

SUMMARY: The proposed abandonment of the Clayville Industrial Track will have no adverse effect upon the National Register of Historic Places eligible **Millville and Glassboro Railroad Historic District** (currently identified as the Conrail Millville Industrial Track).

800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

Previous consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) evaluated the historic significance and integrity of the former Millville and Glassboro Railroad right of way (the currently named Conrail Millville Industrial Track) and identified the **Millville and Glassboro Railroad Historic District** as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the original letter offering the opinion of eligibility is attached.

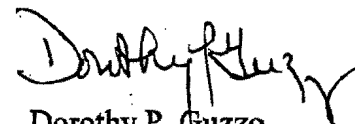
I reaffirm the conclusion of HPO letter HPO-A2002-033 PROD that the former Millville and Glassboro Railroad right of way is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as the **Millville and Glassboro Railroad Historic District**.

800.5 Assessment of Adverse Effects

Based on currently available information, the track described as the Clayville Industrial Track does not appear to contain any historic buildings or structures, provide service to any historically significant buildings or industries or be a surviving remnant of a previously longer or significant railroad line. Therefore, I concur with the conclusion that the abandonment of the Clayville Industrial Track will not adversely affect the historic significance, character or integrity of the NRHP eligible **Millville and Glassboro Railroad Historic District**.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment of historic resources or effects, please contact Charles Scott at (609) 633-2396.

Sincerely,



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Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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