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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

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Re: STB Docket No. FD 35095, The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for
Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Floyd:

Subsequent to issuing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in the above-referenced proceeding on March 25, 2011, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) has received several letters from government agencies, landowners, and other interested parties commenting on the FEIS. All of the post-FEIS letters appear on the Board's Web site. Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.5(a), please provide OEA with a written response to the issues raised in these comment letters by Friday, June 24, 2011.

In addition to responding to the post-FEIS comment letters, please also provide OEA with a copy of the permit applications/packages that ARRC submitted for the proposed rail line and facilities to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Please include the GIS shape files of the planned locations (center line and footprint, in separate files) of the rail line, related facilities and any other features (e.g., trails, crossings) as they appear in the permit applications/packages.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Navecky, OEA's Project Manager, at 202-245-0294.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis