

**Proposed Railroad Abandonment in Pocahontas County , IA****Joshua Wayland** to: Dunn.John

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Mr. Dunn,

The Surface Transportation Board is currently reviewing a proposal by Union Pacific Railroad Company to abandon a 1.95 miles section of railroad located in Pocahontas County, Iowa. In the comments section of their Environmental Report, Union Pacific has included an email from you dated August 29, 2011. In the email, you indicate that Clean Water Act permits would not be required for the abandonment, but you also suggest that Union Pacific contact your office in the event that the abandonment would result in land disturbance greater than 1 acre. In reviewing the project, it looks to me like the total area would be greater than 1 acre (the affected right-of-way is approximately 1.95 miles long and 100 feet wide), so I wanted to follow up with you on whether any additional permitting would be required from your office if the abandonment is approved. For your reference, the STB Docket Number for this case is AB-33 (Sub-No. 304X). Please feel free to give me a call if you need any additional information.

Thanks for your help,

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