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October 20, 2003

Mr. Kevin M. Seals
Project Manager
Hanson Professional Services, Inc.
1525 South Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Re: City of Peoria, IL, d.b.a. Peoria, Peoria Heights
and Western Railroad-Construction Exemption
and Abandonment Exemption – in Peoria County

Dear Mr. Seals:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rail line construction and abandonment project in the City of Peoria, Illinois.

The Agency has no objections to the project; however, construction site activity stormwater NPDES permit will be required from the Division of Water Pollution Control. Please contact Alan Keller at 217/782-0610 for specific permit requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard P. Killian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bernard P. Killian
Deputy Director