



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
1616 CAPITOL AVENUE  
OMAHA NE 68102-4901

April 22, 2016

HE-223471

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

Ms. Diana Wood  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Wood:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District (Corps) has received your memorandum (Docket No. AB 1182X), dated April 15, 2016 (received April 19, 2016), concerning the Environmental Review of the proposed abandonment exemption of approximately 17.3 miles of rail line in Douglas County, Nebraska in the former Omaha-South Omaha switching district. The Corps understands that if this abandonment is authorized, Brandon Railroad LLC would convert the rail line from a common carrier to contract and private carrier and that no salvage operations would be conducted as a result.

It is understood that no ground disturbance would occur and that there are no known historical or archeological resources that would be affected by the project. The Corps has no comments regarding this action.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Podkowka of my staff at (402) 995-2677 and thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,

Eric Laux  
Chief, Environmental Resources and Missouri River  
Recovery Program Plan Formulation Section