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Kelvin Burch
Regional Director
Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-3481

Re: Knox and Kane Railroad Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-551 (Sub-no. 1X)

Dear Mr. Burch:

On March 17, 2009, your office was notified of the proposed abandonment of the subject rail line from MP 95.3 to MP 165.2, traversing portions of Clarion, Forest, Elk and McKean Counties, PA. For your reference, a map of the proposed abandonment is attached.

We are in receipt of your April 16, 2009 correspondence regarding the proper handling and/or disposal of wastes, including rail ties. Knox & Kane fully intends to comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to waste management activities.

Subsequently, the Surface Transportation Board issued an Environmental Assessment on October 30, 2009, which contains certain conditions with which Knox & Kane must comply prior to consummating an abandonment. Condition No. 4 requires Knox & Kane to notify PaDEP Waste Management Program, Air Quality Program and Watershed Management Program at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities, which will include recycling of rails and ties. This correspondence shall serve as such notification.

Please advise if the Department has identified any additional concerns about reclamation, demolition or storage of materials related to the proposed salvage activities.

On behalf of the Knox and Kane, I greatly appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please send your reply within 30 days to:

David R. Layman
Johnstown Environmental Management Corporation
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If you have any questions or require additional information on this matter, please contact my office at (814) 533-2680.

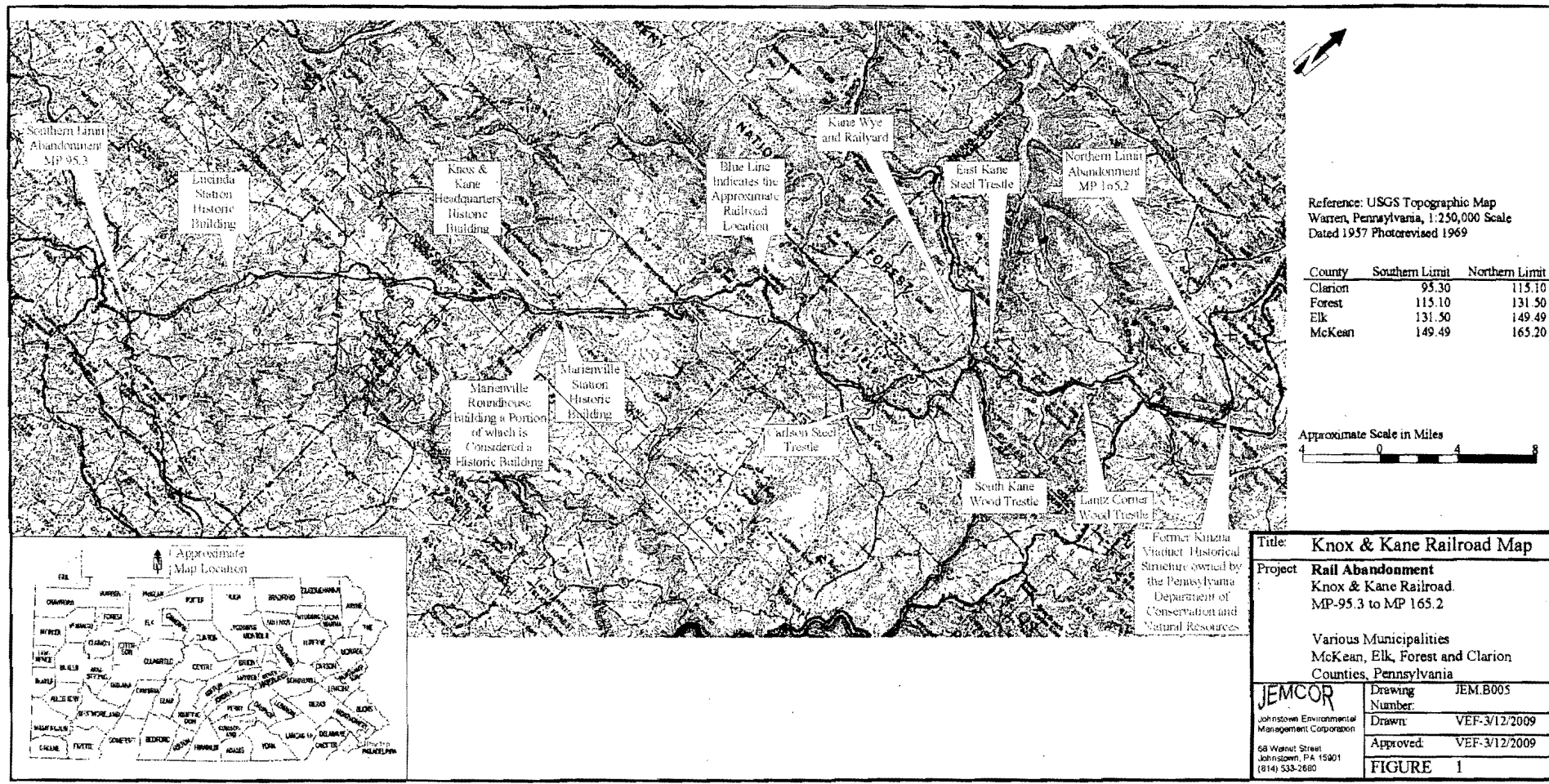
Very truly yours,

David R. Layman
President - JEMCOR

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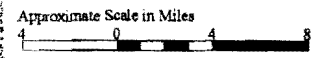
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cc w/attach: Kenneth Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423



Reference: USGS Topographic Map
Warren, Pennsylvania, 1:250,000 Scale
Dated 1937 Photorevised 1969

County	Southern Limit	Northern Limit
Clarion	95.30	115.10
Forest	115.10	131.50
Elk	131.50	149.49
McKean	149.49	165.20



Title: Knox & Kane Railroad Map

Project: Rail Abandonment
Knox & Kane Railroad.
MP-95.3 to MP 165.2

Various Municipalities
McKean, Elk, Forest and Clarion
Counties, Pennsylvania

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FIGURE 1