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Ms. Dawkins,

In order to accurately assess the impact of this project on prime farmlands I will need the following information:

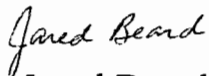
1) a map with the soil survey lines AND both routes of the proposed railroad overlaid. The soil survey coverage can be downloaded at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/Download.aspx?Survey=WV611&UseState=WV>. The map should also include the boundary surrounding the routes showing the extent of construction and final cutting and filling. The map should also include locations of staging areas where buildings may be built and where equipment and materials will be stored.

2) a description of the total impact (footprint of the project) to the soil as a result of construction. This should include total acreage of directly impacted soils along each route (to include proposed buildings, parking lots, staging areas, etc) listed separately. This should include dimensions of any staging areas, building and parking lot areas.

Basically I need to have a BRIEF but DIRECT description of any activities that are going to affect an area of soil and a map to illustrate them. I need to know the dimensions and see the location on the project map. A map scale of 1 inch to 2000 feet is preferred.

If you should have any question or need assistance in retrieving the soils information please contact me. For future reference, this is the kind of information necessary to accurately and efficiently process this type of request in WV. Please send this information to me at the address below.

Sincerely,



Jared Beard
Resource Soil Scientist