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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
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October 2, 2008

Ms. Jo Carole Dawkins
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Re: File No. ER 2008-2476-059-A
STB Finance Docket No. 35131:
Vaughan Railroad Company,
Construction & Operation of Line of
Railroad to New Coal Mine in
Monongahela County, West Virginia
Gilmore & Wayne Twps., Greene
Co.

Dear Ms. Dawkins:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

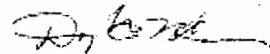
Based on an evaluation by our staff, there is a high probability that significant archaeological sites are located in this project area and could be adversely affected by project activities. Although there are no recorded archaeological sites within the project boundaries, the soil type, topographic setting, slope direction, and distance to water of the project area are similar to the settings of known archaeological sites in the vicinity. A Phase I archaeological survey of the project area is required to locate potentially significant archaeological resources. Guidelines and instructions for conducting Phase I surveys are available on our web site at <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bhp/Inventories/ArchaeologyGuidelines.pdf> or from our office upon request.

Your request does not include sufficient information. We are unable to proceed with our review for historic structures until the information on the attached form is provided.

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If you need further information regarding archaeological survey please contact Kira Presler at (717) 705-0700. If you need further information concerning historic structures please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,



Douglas C. McLearen, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

Cc: Victoria Rutson, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423

Attachment
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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

INFORMATION REQUEST SHEET

(Revised 4/07)

Please submit checked items for PHMC to proceed with review.

PROJECT INITIATION

A. FUNDING/PERMITTING/LICENSING/APPROVAL PROGRAM

- ☐ 1. Contact person for federal/state/local agency, address, phone number.
- ☐ 2. Letter from federal agency initiating consultation, or a letter from federal agency authorizing an alternate agency or a consultant to initiate consultation.
- ☐ 3. Identify the Federal/State Agency and funding program or permit/license.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- ☒ 1. Narrative description of the project and related actions resulting from the project.
- ☐ 2. Proposed boundary of the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) (remember to consider visual impacts)
- ☐ 3. Description and Justification of selection of the Area of Potential Effect
- ☐ 4. Architectural plans of existing conditions (as-built or as-found)
- ☐ 5. Preliminary architectural drawings or plans (floor plans, elevations, specifications)
- ☐ 6. Work write-ups
- ☐ 7. Plans and specifications
- ☐ 8. Site plans of existing conditions
- ☐ 9. Site plans of proposed development

C. PROJECT LOCATION

- ☐ 1. U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. series quadrangle with the **PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND LIMITS CLEARLY MARKED** using a colored pen. Please include name of the quadrangle
- ☐ 2. U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. series quadrangle with Area of Potential Effect marked (potential area of direct effect can be delineated inside area of indirect effect)
- ☐ 3. Street map (for properties in densely populated areas)
- ☐ 4. Street map showing location and historic district boundaries (if appropriate)
- ☐ 5. Street address of property
- ☐ 6. Municipality in which project is located (not mailing address location)

D. PROJECT SIZE (supply as appropriate for project)

- ☐ 1. Acreage of project area
- ☐ 2. Miles/feet of project and right-of-way width
- ☐ 3. Extent and nature of ground disturbing activities (i.e. grading, trenching, foundation excavation)

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