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ATTENTION OF

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September 1, 2010

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Rutson:

This is in reference to the Surface Transportation Board's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 20-mile rail line between Wallacetown (Clearfield County) and Gorton (Centre County), Pennsylvania.

In a letter dated October 24, 2008, we accepted your invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS for this project. Based on the information received by this office, and in looking at the work that falls within our scope of review, it appears that the proposal within our scope of analysis may not have a significant effect on the human environment. As a result, it appears that an EIS will not be required as part of our permit review process. Thus, we no longer wish to be a cooperating agency for the EIS and will be conducting our own independent environmental review during future review of permit applications.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Michael Dombroskie, of this office, at (814)235-0571.

Sincerely,

Wade B. Chandler
Chief, Pennsylvania Section