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In reply refer to:
HPD-PA

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Construction and Operation Exemption of the R. J.
Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines Inc.

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Dear Ms. Gosselin:

On February 19, 2009 the Federal Highway Administration Pennsylvania Division formally requested participation as a Cooperating Agency for the Environmental Impacts Statement being prepared for the proposed R. J. Corman/Pennsylvania Lines Inc. project. The proposed project is the construction, operation, and reactivation of a rail line in Clearfield and Centre Counties. The proposed rail line would "serve a new quarry, landfill, and industrial park currently being developed by Resource Recovery, LLC (RRLLC) near Gorton, Pennsylvania, as well as several other shippers along the line."

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was received by our office on July 27, 2010 with a request for review and comment by September 28, 2010. Reviewing the DEIS as a Cooperating Agency, the FHWA- PA Division offers the following comments:

- Page ES-4, *What other agencies are involved in this environmental review:*
This section incorrectly indicates that FHWA will serve as one of the primary decision-making agencies regarding the proposed approval of the reactivation. Serving as a Cooperating Agency with special expertise regarding highway-related (No-Build) activities only, FHWA has not been and will not be involved in making the decision to approve the reactivation request for the rail line. This section should be revised to reflect this.

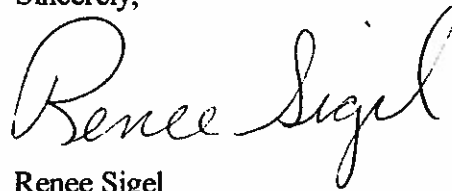


- Page 1-14, 2nd Full Paragraph:

The final sentence suggests that without the reactivation of the rail line, RRLLC would move forward to include "improvements to the existing local road system and construction of a new I-80 interchange." However, the Point of Access was not approved by FHWA, as is discussed within other sections of the DEIS, and therefore this paragraph should be removed or revised.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Cooperating Agency and review and comment on the Draft EIS. Please contact Jon Crum at (717) 221-3735 or Jonathan.Crum@dot.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,



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