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Diana Wood
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW, Room 1110
Washington, DC 20423

Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Additional information and notification of the Surface Transportation Board's finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding notice of exemption for abandonment of a 17.2 mile rail line between milepost 227.5 at Poseyville and milepost 240.2 near German Township and between milepost 277.5 at Cynthiana and 282.0 at Poseyville (DHPA #10815; STB DOCKET NO. AB-1065X)

Dear Ms. Wood:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated December 9, 2010 and received on December 10, 2010 for the above indicated project in Cynthiana, Poseyville & German townships, Posey & Vanderburgh Counties, Indiana.

We concur with the Surface Transportation Board's December 9, 2010 finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be affected by the above indicated project.

This identification is subject to the following condition:

- The project activities remain within areas disturbed by previous construction.

If any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Miriam Widenhofer at (317) 233-3883 or mwidenhofer@dnr.IN.gov.

Very truly yours,

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