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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423

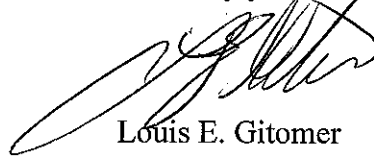
RE: Docket No. 459 (Sub-No. 3X), *The Central Railroad Company of
Indiana—Discontinuance Exemption—in Decatur County, IN*

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for efilng is an environmental comment from the State of Indiana
Department of Natural Resources Division of Water dated October 12, 2006.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours



Louis E. Gitomer
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of Indiana

Enclosure

**State of Indiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Water**

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-12290 **Request Received:** August 3, 2006

Requestor: Law Offices of Louis E Gitomer
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Project: Discontinuance of approximately 2.6 miles of rail line between Milepost 64.67 and Milepost 67.27, Greensburg; Docket No. 459 (Sub-No. 3X)

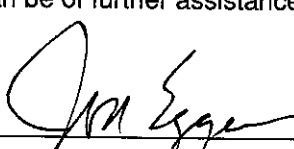
County/Site info: Decatur

Regulatory Assessment: The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked.
To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

Fish & Wildlife Comments: Fish, wildlife, and botanical resource losses as a result of this project can be minimized through implementation of the following measure.
Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue) and legumes as soon as possible upon completion; low endophyte tall fescue may be used in the ditch bottom and side slopes only.

Contact Staff: Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Environmental Unit
Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please do not hesitate to contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4160 or 1-877-928-3755 (toll free) if we can be of further assistance.



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Environmental Supervisor
Division of Fish and Wildlife

Date: October 12, 2006