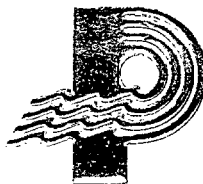


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November 30, 2006

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 657X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption
In Philadelphia County, PA

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is the Contract Purchaser from CSX Transportation of the property known as Pier 124 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the property referenced above. The above Abandonment Exemption was decided on September 25, 2006 with the exemption to become effective September 26, 2006.

The purchase is subject to the successful abandonment of the property and it is the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's intention to undertake any salvage operations on this property post closing. We recognize that the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program (PACZMP) has not responded to the CSX environmental impact report during the abandonment process and we recognize that any salvage operations to occur within the property may require consultation with PACZMP (Condition 1). We further recognize that consultation with the City of Philadelphia floodplain administrator may be required prior to any salvage operations (Condition 2). It is our intention to continue to operate this property as a port facility for the benefit of the public.

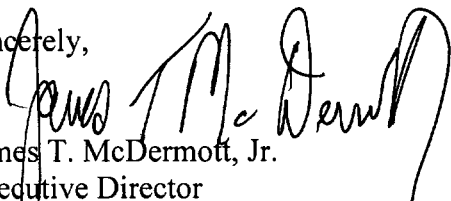
At our request, CSX Transportation notified the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") of its intention to remediate the soils on the property under the voluntary Pennsylvania Act II program ("Act II"), as published in Pennsylvania Bulletin dated June 4, 2005. The parties have since determined not to proceed with remediation under Act II. CSX Transportation Inc. has withdrawn its Act II application previously filed with the DEP.

Consequently, we respectfully request that the conditions placed upon the abandonment be acknowledged as satisfied to allow CSX to fully exercise its abandonment of this property.



Should you have any questions on the above, we would be happy to address them.

Sincerely,



James T. McDermott, Jr.
Executive Director
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

CC: Mr. Kevin Hurley
CSX Real Property, Inc.