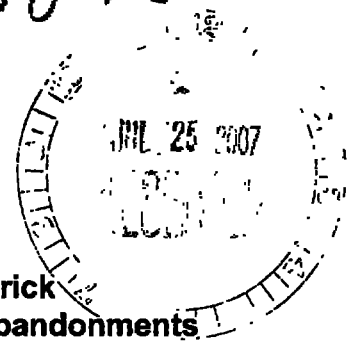


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VIA DHL EXPRESS

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Kathy Headrick

Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 295X) – Norfolk Southern Railway Company–
Abandonment Exemption – in Chowan County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Exemption with regard to the above-referenced proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company received the enclosed letter from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, in response to the request for environmental consultation, stating that NRCS has no comment at this time.

Very truly yours,

Kathy C. Headrick
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Enclosures (original and 10 copies)

cc: Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis

United States Department of Agriculture

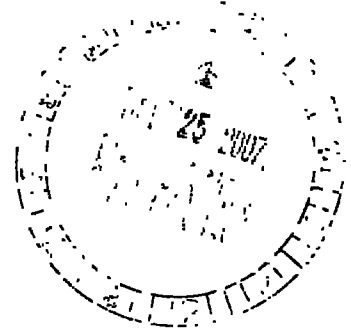


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Dear Ms. Headrick:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 295X),
Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment – in Chowan County, North Carolina.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service does not have any comments at this time.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (919) 873-2134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mike Hinton", is written over the typed name.

Michael J. Hinton
Planning Specialist