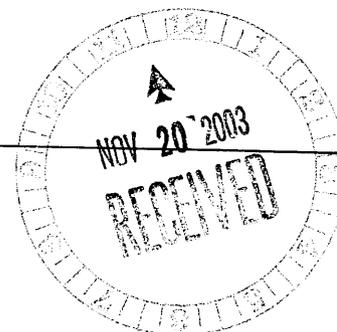




Natural Resources Conservation Service  
3737 Government Street  
Alexandria, LA 71302



November 10, 2003

Mr. David Navecky  
Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Mr. Navecky:

RE: **STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (SUB NO. 239X)  
THE ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN RAILROAD  
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION  
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Thank you for providing our agency with the opportunity to respond to your letter, dated October 17, 2003, wherein you requested views and comments on the above project.

NRCS has no objection to this project and it does not appear that it will affect any of our work in the immediate vicinity.

Should you have questions regarding the above comments, please feel free to contact Allen Bolotte, District Conservationist in the Boutte Field Office, at (985) 758-2162.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. J. Giering III".

E. J. Giering III, P.E.  
State Conservation Engineer

cc: Allen Bolotte, District Conservationist, Boutte Field Office