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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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Planning, Programs, and
Project Management Division
Environmental and Economic
Analysis Branch

Mr. William A. Mullins, Esq.
Baker and Miller PLLC
2401 Pennsylvania Avenue
NW Suite 300
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Mullins:

We have received the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company's Abandonment Exemption Environmental Report for the Rail Line in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana. The location of this project does not appear to be within any current or proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District's, project areas.

Upon review of the document, the Corps concurs with the information provided, with the understanding that the following guidelines are adhered to. The presence of endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat is confirmed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before project construction. Also, we recommend coordination with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office to determine if the structures being impacted by the abandonment process are historically significant. Finally, if any waters of the U.S. are going to be impacted from project construction or changes in flow from bridge embankment removal, a Section 404 permit may be required. Please contact Ms. Elizabeth Guynes (telephone (601) 631-5276) regarding Section 404 permit requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Matt Mallard (telephone (601) 631-5960).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Kamien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

Douglas J. Kamien, P.E.
Deputy for Programs and
Project Management