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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
St. Paul District Corps of Engineers
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
Operations
Regulatory (2005-3938-TJF)

August 4, 2005

Ms. Kathy Glidden
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Glidden:

We have reviewed information about the proposal to abandon a segment of rail line in Ramsey County, Minnesota. The segment is described as the BNSF line from Milepost 7.19 to Milepost 6.52 (about 0.67 mile) generally between I694 and Beam Avenue. Docket Numbers: AB-6 (Sub-No. 429X) and AB-882 (Sub-No.1X).

The Corps of Engineers regulates the discharge of dredged and fill into waters of the United States, including wetlands, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Because this rail line abandonment would not involve such discharges, a permit will not be required from the Corps. Should future work along the rail line involve work in waters/wetlands, our office should be contacted.

This letter is valid only for the rail line abandonment project referenced above. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NO JURISDICTION CONFIRMATION LETTER DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR STATE, LOCAL, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

The decision regarding this action is based on information found in the administrative record that documents the District's decision-making process, the basis for the decision, and the final decision.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Tim Fell at (651) 290-5360. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Fell
for Robert J. Whiting
Chief, Regulatory Branch