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CSX Transportation
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EI-1652
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RE: Rail line abandonment Marion County, WV

Mr. Garaci,

An evaluation was made regarding the sites proposed rail line abandonment in Marion County, West Virginia. It has been determined that the above referenced project does **not** impact Prime, Unique, Statewide, or Locally Important Farmland. The abandonment will occur on prior converted areas. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Teets", is written over a horizontal line.

Jason Teets
Resource Soil Scientist

Cc: Ray Carr, District Conservationist, NRCS, White Hall WV

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 8/8/05			
Name Of Project CSX Transportation		Federal Agency Involved Surface Transportation Board			
Proposed Land Use		County And State Marion, WV			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS 7/15/05			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %			
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly					
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly					
C. Total Acres In Site		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland					
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland					
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted					
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value					
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		0	0	0	0
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria <i>(These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))</i>		Maximum Points			
1. Area In Nonurban Use					
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use					
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed					
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government					
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area					
6. Distance To Urban Support Services					
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average					
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland					
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services					
10. On-Farm Investments					
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services					
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use					
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	0	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland <i>(From Part V)</i>		100	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment <i>(From Part VI above or a local site assessment)</i>		160	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	0	0	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Reason For Selection:					