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Catherine Glidden, Project Manager  
Surface transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
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Re: Tribal Consultation

Dear Ms Glidden,

I am writing in regard to our recent meetings with the DM&E railroad. The tribes have had several concerns regarding the Archeological surveys throughout the entire corridor. As you may be aware Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments of November 6, 2000, consultation is with the lead federal agency. It is our feeling that the Surface Transportation Board, as the lead Federal agency be present and at all meetings between the tribes and the DM&E. It is a conflict of interest when the designee (Louis Berger Group) is a third party contractor (who is paid by the applicant) and represents the lead federal agency. If it is impossible for you to attend, is there an option to send someone else from your office or another federal agency involved with the project? (United States Fish and Wildlife) etc. Your attention in this matter is appreciated.

Thank you,

*Dianne Desrosiers*

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Cc: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Every part of this earth is sacred to my  
people. We are part of the earth  
and it is part of us ~Chief Seattle, 1854