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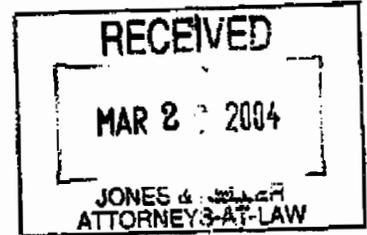


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FWS/NWRS-RE - General  
Railroad Abandonments



March 25, 2004

Mr. Edward T. Lyons  
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Dear Mr. Lyons:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed abandonment of approximately 25 miles of rail line known as the Republic Subdivision, extending from railroad milepost 69.52 (LS&I Jct.) near Negaunee to milepost 94.5 (Republic Mine) near Republic, in Marquette County, Michigan, STB Docket Number AB-68(Sub-No. 4X).

We have researched our ownership in the vicinity and have determined we do not own any lands or interests in land in the vicinity of the proposed rail line abandonment. We do not have any concerns regarding real estate matters in the abandonment.

Sincerely,

For Patrick G. Carroll  
Senior Realty Officer  
Division of Realty