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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
OF THE REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 05-0071-029-B  
STB Docket AB-290 (Sub-No. 256X), Norfolk Southern Company  
(NSR) Abandonment of .80 miles of track between Milepost 18.92 and  
Milepost 19.72, East Bradford Township, Chester County

Dear Mr. Paschall:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

The Chester Valley Running Track, the railroad proposed for abandonment, was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places on November 3, 1993. The proposed abandonment and sale of the right-of-way for commercial/business development will have an effect on properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, it is our opinion that this project will adversely effect the historic and architectural qualities that make the property eligible. To comply with the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, you must follow the procedures outlined in 36 CFR 800.5 (e), when the effect is adverse. You will need to notify the Advisory Council of the effect finding and continue to consult with the Bureau for Historic Preservation to seek ways to avoid or reduce the effects on historic properties. We recommend the use of this railroad section as a trail, since these portions of the railroad line to the west and east are already used or under development as trails. The use of this section as an industrial site will block the continuous use of the National Register eligible resource as a trail.



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If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,



Kurt W. Carr, Chief  
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