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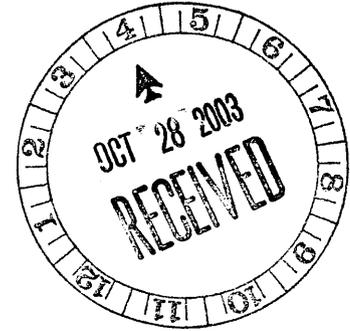
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PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 6, 2003



Operations and Readiness Division
Regulatory Branch
200301624

Mr. Robert D. Rosenberg
Slover & Loftus
Attorneys at Law
1224 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I refer to your letter received in this office on September 9, 2003 regarding the abandonment of approximately two miles of rail line that runs along the north bank of the Monongahela River between the plant of Metal Tech and an interchange point north of CSXT's Glenwood yard in Hazelwood, located within the city limits of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

This office has no objection to the proposed project and a Department of the Army Permit is not required.

If you have any questions, please contact Noel Coleman at (412) 395-7159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Hans".

Scott A. Hans
Chief, Regulatory Branch