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From: Liz Waite (202) 374-2474	
<p>Comments: Attached is a letter from the North Dakota Department of Health received today regarding a Walsh County abandonment, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 432X). The Environmental and Historical Reports were already sent out on December 5, 2005, but the Notice of Exemption has not yet been filed. The Report included a letter from the same agency and was marked as Exhibit E. The letter received today is slightly different from the Exhibit letter: the letter received today adds a third comment, marked as number three.</p> <p>Attached is also a letter stamped by the U.S. National Park Service regarding a Park County abandonment, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 436X). The Environmental and Historical Reports were already sent out on December 22, 2005, but the Notice of Exemption has not yet been filed. The Report included a letter from the same agency and was marked as Exhibit H. The letters indicate the same information.</p> <p>Liz Waite liz.waite@stricklandpllc.com</p>	

*If you have any questions,
 give me a call.
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December 28, 2005

Mr. Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub No. 432X) BNSF Railway Co.
Proposed Railroad Abandonment, Walsh County

Dear Mr. Strickland:

This department has reviewed the information concerning the above-referenced project submitted under date of December 5, 2005, with respect to possible environmental impacts.

This department believes that environmental impacts from the proposed construction will be minor and can be controlled by proper construction methods. With respect to construction, we have the following comments:

1. Follow Best Management Practices during salvage activities to prevent dirt, construction debris, and waste material from entering a storm drainage system or water body.
2. Any releases of petroleum products, hazardous materials, or chemicals that may impact human health or the environment, which are known to have occurred in the past or are discovered in the project area during abandonment and salvage operations, must be reported to the North Dakota Department of Health. The Department's Environmental Emergency Response Contacts List is attached.
3. All solid waste materials must be managed and transported in accordance with the state's solid and hazardous waste rules. Appropriate efforts to reduce, reuse and/or recycle waste materials are strongly encouraged. Railroad ties can be recycled or shredded for fuel. As appropriate, segregation of inert waste from non-inert waste can generally reduce the cost of waste management. Further information on waste management and recycling is available from the Department's Division of Waste Management at (701) 328-5166.

The department owns no land in or adjacent to the proposed improvements, nor does it have any projects scheduled in the area. In addition, we believe the proposed activities are consistent with the State Implementation Plan for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota.

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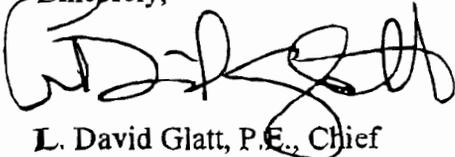
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If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. David Glatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "L." and last name "Glatt" clearly distinguishable.

**L. David Glatt, P.E., Chief
Environmental Health Section**

LDG:cc
Attach,

**North Dakota Department of Health
Environmental Health Section**

Environmental Emergency Response Contacts List

NORMAL WORKING HOURS
8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
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1-701-328-9921
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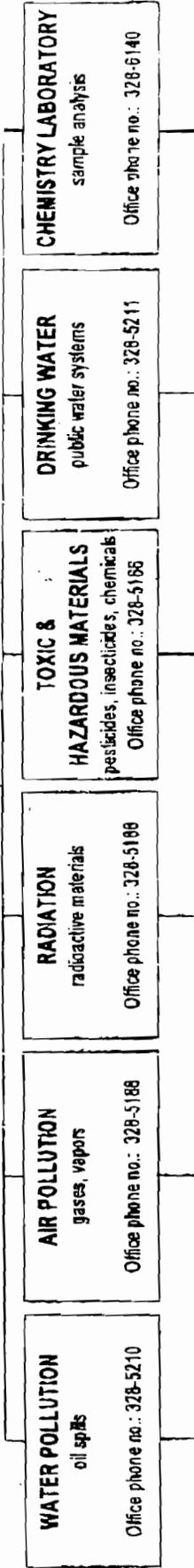
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Emergency Response Coordinator

Date: June 4, 2002

Approved by:

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