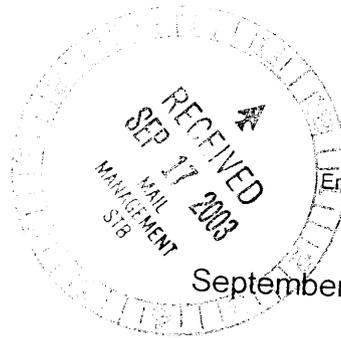




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Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub. No. 638X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Mount Vernon to Fredericktown, Knox County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Westlake:

We have received your letter dated September 3, 2003 requesting additional information on the proposed abandonment. Please be advised that CSXT and its contractors follow all state and federal rules and regulations regarding removal of track materials and disposal of those track materials. Specifics of removal and disposal cannot be given at this time as it is dependent upon the contractor chosen for the project, terrain of the abandonment site, time of year, specific state and/or local requirements and the availability of resources. CSXT and its contractors will obtain all necessary permits in order to be in compliance with state and federal guidelines. (Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of the Environmental Report submitted to your agency on June 6, 2003 for more specific details, which are attached for ease of reference.)

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-3311, or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,


Stephanie M. Lemmon

Attachment

cc: Surface Transportation Board
Ms. N. S. Rosenberg, CSXT Sr. Counsel