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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Charles W. Saylor
Union Pacific Railroad
1400 Douglas St.- Stop 1580
Omaha , NE 68179

Dear Mr. Saylor:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (department) Water Protection Program has received the information request dated February 4, 2009 concerning the track abandonment between Essex and Minor, in New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard Counties Missouri. For information regarding hazardous waste at these sites, I have forwarded your request to the department's Hazardous Waste Program. A land disturbance permit may be needed from the Water Protection Program if the activities will disturb one acre or more.

Please contact Mr. Tim Stallman at (573) 751-7634 or by mail at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Refaat Mefrakis".

Refaat Mefrakis, P.E., Chief
Permits and Engineering Section

RM:tss

c: Southeast Regional Office
Richard Nussbaum, Hazardous Waste Program



Gabe S. Meyer
Assistant General Attorney

March 3, 2009

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Virginia Rutson
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 261), Union Pacific Railroad
Company - Abandonment - In New Madrid, Scott, and Stoddard
Counties, Missouri (Essex to Miner Line)**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed for filing the above-referenced matter is a letter that Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") recently received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR"). MDNR's letter is a response to UP's Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("EHR"), which UP filed with the Board on February 4, 2009. UP did not receive any input from MDNR prior to filing its EHR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabriel S. Meyer".

Gabriel S. Meyer

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing letter and attached response from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in this matter was served by first class mail on the 3rd day of March, 2009 on the following parties:

State Clearinghouse (or alternate):

Missouri Department of Economic Development
301 W. High Street
P. O. Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

State Environmental Protection Agency:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**State Coastal Zone Management Agency
(if applicable):**

Not applicable.

Head of each County:

New Madrid County Commissioners
P. O. Box 68
County Courthouse
New Madrid, MO 63869-0068

Scott County Commissioners
P. O. Box 188
County Courthouse
Benton, MO 63736-0188

Stoddard County Commissioners
PO Box 110
County Courthouse
Bloomfield, MO 63825-0110

**Environmental Protection Agency
(Regional Office):**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 7
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Missouri Ecological Services Office
101 Park DeVilla Drive, Suite A
Columbia, MO 65203-0057

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

Department of the Army
St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

National Park Service:

Environmental Coordinator
Planning and Compliance Office
National Park Service, Midwest Region
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

**U.S. Natural Resources Conservation
Service:**

State Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Missouri State Office
Parkade Center, Suite 250
601 Business Loop 70 West
Columbia, MO 65203-2546

National Geodetic Survey:

National Geodetic Survey
Edward J. McKay, Chief
Spatial Reference System Division
NOAA N/NGS2
1315 E-W Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

State Historic Preservation Office:

Mr. Stephen Mahfood
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102



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