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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Water

Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-12293 **Request Received:** August 8, 2006

Requestor: CSX Transportation
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Project: Proposed abandonment of approximately 7.4 miles of rail line between Milepost OZF 5.0 (near Terre Haute) to Milepost OZF 12.4 (near Riley), Riley Spur; Docket# AB-55 (Sub No. 674X)

County/Site info: Vigo

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Regulatory Assessment: Formal approval by the Department of Natural Resources under the regulatory programs administered by the Division of Water is not required for this project unless earthmoving activities will take place.

All rails, crossties and ballasts are to be removed from the floodway upon completion of the project.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. To date, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur in the project vicinity.

Fish & Wildlife Comments: Where the railroad berm crosses low-lying wet areas (floodways, wetlands, etc.), it should be entirely removed or have notches cut to the surrounding grade at frequent intervals to restore the natural hydrology.

In addition to the recommendation above, fish, wildlife, and botanical resource losses as a result of this project can be minimized through implementation of the following measures.

Appropriately designed measures for controlling erosion and sediment must be implemented to prevent sediment from entering the stream or leaving the construction site; maintain these measures until construction is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized.

Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue) and legumes as soon as possible upon completion; low endophyte tall fescue may be used in the ditch bottom and side slopes only.

Seed and protect all disturbed streambanks and slopes that are 3:1 or steeper with erosion control blankets (follow manufacturer's recommendations for selection and installation) or use an appropriate structural armament; seed and apply mulch on all other disturbed areas.

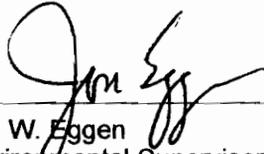
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Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please do not hesitate to contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4160 or 1-877-928-3755 (toll free) if we can be of further assistance.



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Date: September 12, 2006