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Mr. Sherman Banker  
Division of Historic Preservation  
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Re: Ashland Ore Dock

Dear Sherman:

I received your message of Wednesday, September 5, 2007. You indicated that dismantling of the ore dock could not begin until Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") and other interested parties complete their evaluation of the adverse effects and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement. As Paul Ladue indicated in his August 31, 2007 letter, the removal of the superstructure and substructure will happen upon resolution of the Section 106 condition. As Paul also noted, WCL does not consider the appurtenances, including the remaining timbers and chutes, to be subject to the 106 condition.

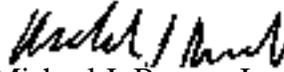
Additionally, WCL strongly believes that public safety mandates then: immediate removal and is going forward with their removal. As you recall, last year, the Westbrook study, commissioned by the state, identified the appurtenances, including timbers and chutes, as safety hazards. In particular, the Westbrook study identified a number of chutes in "imminent failure condition." Therefore, to eliminate the risk of injury to boaters and the general public from a falling chute or deteriorating timbers, and to minimize the risk of damage to the dock itself, WCL is removing the chutes, remaining timbers, and all appurtenances immediately.

Please call if you have questions.

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Very truly yours,



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