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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 219X)

December 4, 2006

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

Notice of Exemption Petition for Exemption Regulated Abandonment

NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on May 9, 2005 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended certain environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. By decision served on May 31, 2005, the Board imposed the conditions, including one condition requiring the railroad to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites and structures on the right-of-way that are 50 years old or older until completion of the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f.

Comments on the EA

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) has reviewed the documentation for the proposed project and states that no historic properties are affected. The SHPO further states that it has no objection to the planned undertaking.

Accordingly, SEA recommends that Section 106 imposed by the Board in this proceeding be removed.

SEA CONTACT: Christa Dean 565-1606

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November 21, 2006

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Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
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**RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 219X), Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Abandonment Exemption - in Douglas and Champaign Counties,
Illinois (Westville Industrial Lead)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with the Surface Transportation Board's order in the above-referenced matter decided on May 26, 2005, with a service date of May 31, 2005, please be advised that the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has completed the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act with regard to the subject abandonment. Attached to this letter as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof is a letter dated November 13, 2006, from the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency indicating that there are no historic properties to be affected by the subject abandonment and that the State Historic Preservation Officer has no objection to the abandonment of the line and the salvage of the trackage thereon. The letter indicates that this is the Union Pacific's evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Union Pacific respectfully requests that the Board issue a revised decision in this matter indicating compliance by the Union Pacific with regard to the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

An original and ten copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and further distribution.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.
Senior General Attorney, Law Department



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Douglas County

Villa Grove to Broadlands

Abandonment of the Westville Industrial Lead

M.P. 164.87 at Villa Grove to the end of the track at M.P. 155.0 near Broadlands

IHPA Log #007040104

November 13, 2006

Charles Saylor

Union Pacific Railroad Company

1400 Douglas St.

Mail Stop 1580

Omaha, NE 68179

Dear Mr. Saylor:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project(s) in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 217/785-5027.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker

Deputy State Historic

Preservation Officer

