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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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February 25, 2019
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1269X, *Iowa Traction Railway Company -- Abandonment
Exemption -- in Cerro Gordo County, IA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Hereby forwarded is an environmental comment submitted in Docket No. AB-1269X by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army. Although dated February 6, 2019, the comment was not received until February 25, 2019.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
*Attorney for Iowa Traction
Railway Company*

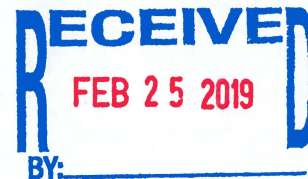
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cc: Ms. Andrea Boulton, *by e-mail to lhein@inhf.org*



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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February 6, 2019

Operations Division

SUBJECT: CEMVR-OD-P-2019-151

Attn: Thomas F. McFarland
Iowa Traction Railway Company
12045 West State Street
Mason City, Iowa 50401

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Our office reviewed your application received January 15, 2019, concerning your proposed project of railway abandonment located in Section 28, Township 97 North, Range 20 West, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

We determined your project, as proposed, does not require a Department of the Army (DA) Section 404 permit. The decision regarding this action is based on information found in the administrative record which documents the District's decision-making process, the basis for the decision, and the final decision. The abandonment of a railway that doesn't result in any discharge or fill being placed into a Waters of the United States or associated wetland is a non-regulated activity.

You are advised that this determination for your project is valid for five years from the date of this letter. If the project is not completed within this five-year period or your project plans change, you should contact our office for another determination.

Although an individual Department of the Army permit will not be required for your project, you must still acquire other applicable Federal, state, and local permits prior to initiating construction.

The Rock Island District Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete the attached postcard and return it or go to our Customer Service Survey found on our web site at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. (Be sure to select "Rock Island District" under the area entitled: Which Corps office did you deal with?)

Should you have any questions, please contact our Regulatory Branch by letter, or telephone Sean Dillard at 309/794-5379.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Branch

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