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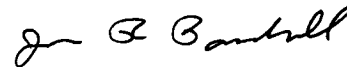
Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 261X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment - Spartanburg, South Carolina –
Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find the following letters we received after mailing the Notice of Exemption to your office on June 28, 2005, for filing on June 30, 2005:

1. June 24, 2005 letter from Rebekah Dobrasko, Review and Compliance Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office, in which she states "Our office knows of no properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project. We do not require a cultural resources survey for this project."
2. June 22, 2005 letter from M. Rheta Geddings, Director, Division of Water Quality, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in response to the environmental report.

Yours very truly,



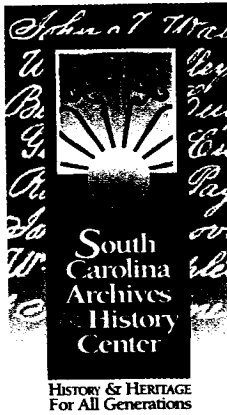
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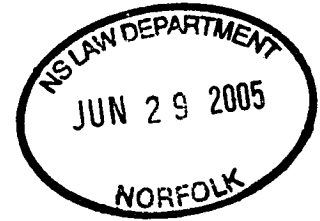
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June 24, 2005



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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 261X)
Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Abandonment, Spartanburg County, South Carolina

Dear Sir or Madam:

We received a letter from the Norfolk Southern Corporation on May 31 regarding the above-referenced docket number. We appreciate the background information on the Norfolk Southern railroad line and related materials submitted to our office by the corporation.

Our office knows of no properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project. We do not require a cultural resources survey for this project.

These comments are provided as evidence of your consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. If you have questions, please call me at (803) 896-6169.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Dobrasko

Rebekah Dobrasko
Review and Compliance Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office

cc. James Paschall, Norfolk Southern Corporation

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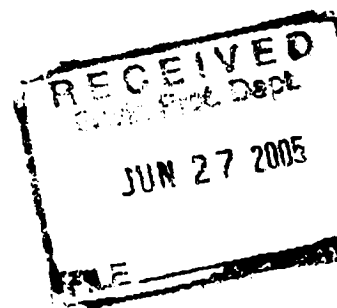
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June 22, 2005

Norfolk Southern
Attn: Larry G. Western
Environmental Protection Department
110 Franklin Road, SE (Box 13)
Roanoke, Virginia 24042-0013

RE: Norfolk Southern Rail Line Abandonment; Spartanburg; Spartanburg County
Environmental Review



Dear Mr. Western:

I am responding to your letter dated April 20, 2005, regarding the above referenced rail line abandonment. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of Water administers applicable regulations pertaining to water quality standards and classifications, including wetland protection, in accordance with the South Carolina Pollution Control Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, the State Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction Act, and associated regulations for all of these statutes.

To ensure protection and maintenance of water quality standards and classified uses, including wetlands functions, the Department recommends the following issues be addressed when planning and carrying out this project:

1. Any placement of fill material in waters of the state, including jurisdictional wetlands, will require a Department administered Section 401 Certification and an Army Corps of Engineers administered Section 404 Permit. When evaluating applications for fill in wetlands, demonstration of avoidance of wetland impacts, minimization of wetland impacts and mitigation of unavoidable wetland impacts provides assurances that impacts have been reduced to the extent possible and that water quality standards will be maintained. Documentation of these measures will be required.
2. If a state land disturbance permit from the Sediment, Erosion and Stormwater program is required; the placement of fill material into non-jurisdictional wetlands will require compensation for the impacts to these wetlands.
3. A Navigable Waters Permit will also be required for all construction within navigable waters of South Carolina.

Other regulations not administered by this Bureau may apply to your project. I suggest that you contact the Department's Bureau of Land and Waste Management regarding the disposal of debris. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please call Rusty Wenerick at (803) 898-4266 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


M. Rheta Geddings, Director
Division of Water Quality

MRG: WRW
CC: Appalachia III EQC District
COE, Charleston District

