

AB 88-13X
B&LE Ab in
Allegheny Co. PA



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
1000 LIBERTY AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

August 14, 2013

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch
2013-1495

Audrey L. Brodrick
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 North Wacker Drive
Suite 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832

Dear Ms. Brodrick:

I refer to your letter, received in this office August 12, 2013, regarding Docket No. AB-88 (Sub-No 13X), Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company (B &LE) -Abandonment Exemption - in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. B & LE is proposing abandonment of its line of railroad extending from milepost 0.31 east of Pearl Avenue to approximately milepost 1.10 at the western edge of Pillow Avenue near Harwick, Pennsylvania.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates earth moving activities within streams or wetlands. This includes any placement of fill material, temporary or permanent. If you are proposing a new project that entails the placement of fill material in waters (including wetlands), or if you are proposing a modification to an existing project that entails the placement of fill material in waters, then this letter serves as your notice that your project may require a permit from this office.

If impacts to waters are proposed we recommend that you hire a qualified wetland consultant to evaluate the entire project area in order to determine if any streams or wetlands are present. Enclosed is a list of wetland consultants. If impacts to streams or wetlands are in fact proposed, you should again contact this office to discuss permitting requirements. Every effort should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to the aquatic resources on-site. We will continue to work with you in order to protect any aquatic resources that may be present.

This project has been assigned Department of the Army Permit Number **2013-1495**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Everley at 412-395-7152 or by e-mail: Linda.L.Everley@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Jon T. Coleman
Chief, South Section, Regulatory Branch