



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CLOCK TOWER BUILDING - P.O. BOX 2004
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

November 12, 2010

Operations Division

SUBJECT: CEMVR-OD-P-2010-1391
Docket No. AB 290

Ms. Diana Wood
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Wood:

Our office reviewed all information provided concerning the proposed railroad abandonment near Grimes, in Section 5, Township 79 North, Range 25 West, Polk 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. No indication of discharge of dredged or fill material was found to occur in waters of the United States (including wetlands). Therefore, this determination resulted.

Should your project involve the extraction of any bridges, you are required to remove all fill material to an upland, non-wetland site, and to remove all pilings to at least one foot below streambed elevations. You are also required to seed all disturbed areas with native grasses and to implement appropriate measures to insure that sediments are not introduced into waters of the United States during your project.

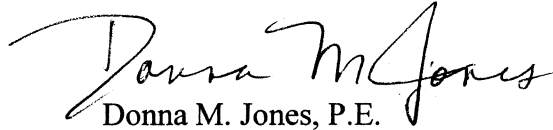
You are advised that this determination for your project is valid for five years from the date of this letter. If the project is not completed within this five-year period or your project plans change, you should contact our office for another determination.

Although a DA permit will not be required for the project, this does not eliminate the requirement that you must still acquire other applicable Federal, state, and local permits.

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 and return the attached postcard or go to our Customer Service Survey found on our web site at <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>. (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 Ms. Lynn Parker at 309/794-5446.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna M. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Donna" being more prominent than the last name "Jones".

Donna M. Jones, P.E.
Chief, Enforcement Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

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