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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 813X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Worcester, MA**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Enclosed please find comments dated February 7, 2024, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, finding this project does not require a Corps Section 404 permit review.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

From: [Sneeringer, Paul J CIV USABMY CENAE \(USA\)](#)
To: [Kevin_Hardee@CSX.com](#)
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Subject: CSX Transportation, Inc. - Abandonment of Rail Line in Leominster, Massachusetts (NAE-2023-02256)
Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 4:51:45 PM
Attachments: [Abandonment_AR55-813X.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Kevin:

This e-mail concerns CSX Transportation, Inc.'s (CSXT) proposal to abandon an approximately 0.38-mile-long segment of rail line that runs between milepost QBU 4.20 and milepost QBU 4.58, on its Albany Division, Fitchburg Branch, in Worcester County, Massachusetts. This rail line runs north from Mechanic Street to a location north of Main Street (Massachusetts Route 13) in Leominster, Massachusetts.

Within this project area, the Corps has the authority under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to issue permits for discharges of dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional waterways (i.e., Monoosnoc Brook) and/or in adjacent wetlands.

Based upon the documentation that you provided concerning this abandonment project, it appears that most (if not all) of the proposed work will occur on the railroad embankment in upland areas outside of jurisdictional waterways or wetlands. This project will not require a Corps Section 404 permit review, if it does not involve any permanent or temporary filling impacts within jurisdictional waterways or adjacent wetlands.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this e-mail OR if you want to discuss potential Section 404 impacts associated with this project. Thanks and stay safe!

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