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Danielle Gosselin
Acting Director
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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**Re: Consolidated Rail Corporation—Abandonment
Exemption—In Schuylkill & Carbon Counties, PA, STB
Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1195X)**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Enclosed in connection with the captioned matter is correspondence received from the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, in response to Conrail's service of its Combined Environmental and Historic Report in the referenced matter.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Rosenthal
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Enclosure



November 30, 2021

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RE: Consolidated Rail Corporation-Abandonment Exemption in Schuylkill & Carbon Counties, PA

Dear Ms. Summerville,

I apologize it has taken NRCS so long to respond to your request for environmental impact review for the above referenced project in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties. After completing a review of the project's potential to impact federal actions where NRCS has control or responsibility, no potential for impact has been found for our easements and dams.

In addition, the planned abandonment of the railway will not have an impact to Prime Farmland soils or Soils of Statewide Importance.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (717)-237- 2207 or e-mail to yuri.plowden@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Yuri Plowden
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