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This refers to the Sharon Cotner's letter of April 30 on the captioned matter. These comments are being submitted by Norfolk Southern Railway Company, an interstate carrier which owns various rights of way impacted to some degree by radioactive material being or to be remediated under the former FUSRAP program in Missouri.

It is difficult to comment when the railroad does not know where the impacted property is actually located and to what levels (although it is believed to be low levels of radioactive materials). The alternative remediation approach of excavation with institutional controls under railroad permanent structures might be feasible as long as there is no endangerment to railroad transportation employees traversing the affected right of ways or conducting routine track maintenance or even track or roadbed reconstruction on such right of ways.

I would appreciate if someone from the Corps would call me at (757) 29-2814 to discuss any tests results that have already been made on railroad property, particularly on the right of ways, so the railroad can submit fully informed comments. Please note the he railroad would have to agree to institutional controls and will not do so unless it has all necessary information. Safety is paramount to the railroad.

As I recall, the FUSRAP project started years ago and, despite the railroad's granting of certain rights of entry for sampling purposes to the Government, the railroad has never (with one possible exception years ago) been given a copy of those results. The railroad did hire its own atomic energy expert at one location who advised, after checking the specific right of way at issue, that the radioactive levels detected were so low that they presented no health threat to railroad employees. We can only assume that such is the case for all the rights of way affected since we have not been informed otherwise. If special safety precautions were needed for our employees we certainly would expect the Government to tell us.

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