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Federal Highway
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In reply refer to:
HEV-PA.1

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Dillerville Yard Consolidation Project
Lancaster City, Manheim, Lancaster and
East Hempfield Townships

Law Office of William J. Cluck
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Dear Mr. Cluck:

This letter has been prepared in response to your electronic inquiry to Mr. Lamar Smith in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Project Development and Environmental Review (8/12/08). The referenced undertaking does have Federal funds associated with it and is therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA has coordinated with the local sponsors and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) as the project has developed. It has been determined that the proposed project can be categorically excluded under NEPA.

As Mr. Smith indicated in his response, the request and/or review and analysis of the NEPA documentation are public documents. Likewise, the public has the right to comment on the request for Categorical Exclusion (CE) acceptance. The CE has been developed consistent with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Publication #294, Categorical Exclusion Evaluation Handbook which is available online at <ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20294.pdf>. Public Involvement is an integral component of the CE project development process and has been a key component of the development of this project. PennDOT Publication #295 <ftp://ftp.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20295.pdf> offers guidance to ensure that a public involvement

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process developed for a project is consistent with the magnitude and scope of the proposed undertaking and the likelihood of adverse environmental impacts. The results of the various environmental studies undertaken for this proposed project have been made available to the public through that process. A CE is not published in the Federal Register although they may be published in the State Register. A CE is generally made available to the public after it is approved.

If you are interested in filing a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) please address your inquiry to Ms. Renee Sigel, Division Administrator, FHWA Pennsylvania Office at the address above.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by

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