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June 16, 2026

Ashley Green  
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Federal Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's finding of "no adverse effect" regarding the environmental remediation of the Clover Leaf Round House, Machine Shop, Coach Shop, and Outbuilding No. 3 at West Clinton Drive and Short Myrtle Street using Indiana Brownfields Program funds (DHPA #35629)

Dear Ms. Green:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials dated and received on June 11, 2026, for the above indicated project in Frankfort, Clinton County, Indiana.

As previously stated, in regard to buildings and structures, we have identified the Nickle Plate-Clover Leaf Rail Yard within the probable area of potential effects, and we believe that it meets the criteria of eligibility for that National Register of Historic Places due to its historical significance. Despite its deteriorated conditions, this complex, including the Clover Leaf Round House (Site #023-221-41003), turntable (Site #023-221-41002), and extant associated workshops, displays sufficient integrity to be considered eligible under Criterion A in the area of Transportation for its role as a major maintenance hub for the Clover Leaf Railroad system, which was later absorbed by the Nickel Plate.

It is our understanding that the Environmental Protection Agency has defined its undertaking as asbestos abatement and considers the anticipated future demolition activities by the City of Frankfort to be a separate action.

With this understanding, based on the information provided to our office, we do not believe the characteristics that qualify the above identified historic property for inclusion in the National Register will be diminished as a result of this project.

Therefore, we concur with the Environmental Protection Agency's June 11, 2026, finding that there are no historic buildings, structures, districts, objects, or archaeological resources within the area of potential effects that will be adversely affected by the above indicated project.

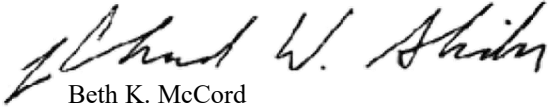
This identification is subject to the following condition:

- Ground disturbing activities associated with the asbestos remediation efforts remain within areas disturbed by previous construction/demolition activities.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Amy Johnson at (317) 232-6982 or [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Caitlin Lehman at (317) 232-0461 or [clehman1@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:clehman1@dnr.IN.gov).

Very truly yours,



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