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of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. William Lamb
Police Chief, Village of North Fond du Lac
North Fond du Lac Police Department
16 Garfield Street
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Re: THR-000225

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Per Federal regulations, June 24, 2010, was the deadline to complete the needed highway-rail grade crossing safety improvements in Pre-Rule Quiet Zones and Pre-Rule Partial Quiet Zones that did not qualify for automatic approval and the subsequent establishment of a Federal quiet zone to allow for existing restrictions on routine locomotive horn sounding beyond that date. Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 222.41(c) allows for an additional 3 years (no later than June 24, 2013) if the appropriate State agency provides “a comprehensive State-wide implementation plan and funding commitment for implementing improvements at Pre-Rule Quiet Zones and Pre-Rule Partial Quiet Zones which, when implemented, would enable them to qualify as quiet zones....”

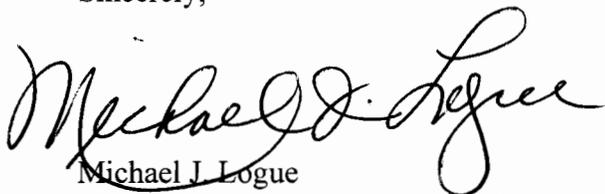
Due to the State of Wisconsin’s submission of a comprehensive State-wide implementation plan and funding commitment, the deadline for establishing the City of North Fond du Lac’s (City) Pre-Rule Quiet Zone, referenced above, was extended until June 24, 2013. A Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment (NOE) must, however, be provided to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) at least 21 days before the establishment of a Federal quiet zone. According to FRA’s records, no NOE has been received for the following highway-rail grade crossing:

- 690123N, Lakeshore Drive

Therefore, this letter is to notify the City and any railroad operating over this highway-rail grade crossing that routine locomotive horn sounding must be started at this crossing on or after June 25, 2013 (but no later than 7 days after receiving this letter), as described in 49 CFR Section 222.21—*When must a locomotive horn be used?*

If you have any questions about FRA procedures for establishing quiet zones, please contact Mr. Ron Ries, Staff Director, Highway-Rail Crossing and Trespasser Programs Division, at (202) 493-6285 or Ronald.Ries@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Logue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Michael J. Logue

Acting Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer

cc: Mr. Tom Healey, Canadian National Railway
Mr. Ron Adams, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Mr. Jeff Plale, Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads