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Mr. Donald Babcock, P.E.
Managing Director
Crawford County Road Commission
500 Huron Street
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Environmental Assessment for
North Down River Road from M-93 to east of I-75

Dear Mr. Babcock:

As you may be aware, the Michigan Department of Transportation has been delegated the responsibility of reviewing draft Environmental Assessment (EA) documents in an attempt to have them substantially complete prior to being submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their review and approval. An environmental assessment is required for the subject project and it is going through the review process.

This office has been working with Theresa Petko of URS Corporation in reviewing the draft EA document for the subject project. The most recent update to the document was received on March 19, 2013.

The latest comments concerning the most recent submission were submitted to Ms. Petko on May 1, 2013. Most of the comments were minor in nature and revisions can be made fairly quickly. One item that is necessary for an EA and is pending for this project is a noise analysis. Once completed, the analysis will be incorporated into the EA document for review.

Ms. Petko was informed that once the minor comments documented have been incorporated and the subsequent revisions have been supplied to this office, the draft EA will be forwarded to the FHWA for their review. This submission may include the needed noise analysis if it has been completed by the submission date. You will be notified when the revised draft EA has been submitted to the FHWA and you will be kept updated on any comments they have.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, at 517-373-2286 or via e-mail at harrisonm@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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