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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to have worked with so many short line and Class I railroads, the American Short Line Railroad Association, and the Association of American Railroads to develop this Environmental Compliance Handbook. The handbook is a “plain-English” guide to short line environmental responsibilities and the laws that created them. The insights and comments of railroad industry experts have contributed to making it practical and useful for the railroad community.

It is, of course, a living document to which you will bring your own experience, but we hope it will serve you well as basic guidance for meeting environmental responsibilities.

With best wishes,

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