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March 4, 2010

Kia Gillette
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Indianapolis, IN 46227-2128

Dear Ms. Gillette:

The proposed project to construct I-69 in Greene and Monroe County, Indiana, as stated in your letter received February 18, 2010, will cause a conversion of prime farmland.

The attached packet of information is for your use in completing Parts VI and VII of the AD-1006. After completion the federal funding agency needs to forward one copy to NRCS for our records.

If you need additional information, please contact Lisa Bolton at (317) 290-3200, extension 342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane E. Hardisty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "H".

JANE E. HARDISTY
State Conservationist

Enclosures

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

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|---|---|---|--|
| PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency) | | 3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 2/10/10 | 4. Sheet 1 of 1/2 |
| 1. Name of Project Sect. 4, I-69 Evansville to Indianapolis Tier 2 | 5. Federal Agency Involved Federal Highway Administration | | |
| 2. Type of Project Interstate Highway | 6. County and State Monroe County, Indiana | | |
| PART II (To be completed by NRCS) | | 1. Date Request Received by NRCS 2-18-10 | 2. Person Completing Form Lisa Boalton |
| 3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4. Acres Irrigated 126 Average Farm Size | |
| 5. Major Crop(s) Corn | 6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 143,550 % 55 | 7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 59,941 % 23 | |
| 8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Lesa | 9. Name of Local Site Assessment System | 10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 3-4-10 | |

| PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) | Alternative Corridor For Segment | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
| A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly | ✓ 459.0 | 526.0 | 525.0 | 451.0 |
| B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services | ✓ 5.0 | 25.0 | 11.0 | 17.0 |
| C. Total Acres In Corridor | 464.0 | 551.0 | 536.0 | 468.0 |

| PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland | 169.44 | 208.54 | 182.37 | 128.44 |
| B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland | | | | |
| C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted | 0.311 | 0.372 | 0.335 | 0.263 |
| D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 |

| PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points) | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 50 | 50 | 45 | 50 |

| PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c)) | Maximum Points | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Area in Nonurban Use | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Availability Of Farm Support Services | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8. On-Farm Investments | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |

| PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency) | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V) | 100 | 50 | 50 | 45 |
| Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment) | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines) | 260 | 135 | 135 | 130 |

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| 1. Corridor Selected: | 2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: | 3. Date Of Selection: | 4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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| 2. Type of Project Interstate Highway | 6. County and State Monroe County, Indiana | | |
| PART II (To be completed by NRCS) | | 1. Date Request Received by NRCS 2-18-10 | 2. Person Completing Form Lisa Bolton |
| 3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 176 | |
| 5. Major Crop(s) Corn | 6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 143,550 % 55 | 7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 59,941 % 23 | |
| 8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used LISA | 9. Name of Local Site Assessment System | 10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 3-4-10 | |

| PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) | Alternative Corridor For Segment | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Alt 1 - Initial | Alt 2 - Initial | Alt 3 - Initial | Alt 4 - Initial |
| A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly | ✓ 582.0 | ✓ 671.0 | ✓ 670.0 | ✓ 580.0 |
| B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services | ✓ 4.0 | ✓ 18.0 | ✓ 6.0 | ✓ 12.0 |
| C. Total Acres In Corridor | 586.0 | 689.0 | 676.0 | 592.0 |

| PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland | 208.28 | 238.49 | 226.53 | 166.57 |
| B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland | | | | |
| C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted | 0.390 | 0.454 | 0.423 | 0.343 |
| D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 |

| PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points) | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 50 | 49 | 45 | 49 |

| PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c)) | | Maximum Points | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Area in Nonurban Use | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Availability Of Farm Support Services | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8. On-Farm Investments | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |

| PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency) | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V) | 100 | 50 | 49 | 45 | 49 |
| Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment) | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines) | 260 | 135 | 134 | 130 | 134 |

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| 1. Corridor Selected: | 2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: | 3. Date Of Selection: | 4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 203 | |
| 5. Major Crop(s) Corn | 6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 284,994 % 82 | 7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 173,641 % 50 | |
| 8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used USA | 9. Name of Local Site Assessment System | 10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 3-4-10 | |

| PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) | Alternative Corridor For Segment | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Alt 1 - Low-Cost | Alt 2 - Low-Cost | Alt 3 - Low-Cost | Alt 4 - Low-Cost |
| A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly | ✓ 1,009.0 | ✓ 931.0 | ✓ 929.0 | ✓ 1,006.0 |
| B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services | ✓ 32.0 | ✓ 39.0 | ✓ 42.0 | ✓ 30.0 |
| C. Total Acres In Corridor | 1,041.0 | 970.0 | 971.0 | 1,036.0 |

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| PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information | | | | |
| A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland | 250.91 | 238.11 | 251.80 | 250.39 |
| B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland | | | | |
| C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted | 0.352 | 0.332 | 0.325 | 0.351 |
| D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value | 89 | 87 | 87 | 87 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points) | 25 | 32 | 34 | 32 |
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| 2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Availability Of Farm Support Services | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8. On-Farm Investments | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency) | | | | | |
| Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V) | 100 | 25 | 32 | 34 | 32 |
| Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment) | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines) | 260 | 110 | 117 | 119 | 117 |

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|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Alt 1 - Initial | Alt 2 - Initial | Alt 3 - Initial | Alt 4 - Initial |
| A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly | ✓ 1,253.0 | ✓ 1158.0 | ✓ 1,161.0 | ✓ 1,249.0 |
| B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services | ✓ 25.0 | ✓ 27.0 | ✓ 29.0 | ✓ 22.0 |
| C. Total Acres In Corridor | 1,278.0 | 1,185.0 | 1,190.0 | 1,271.0 |
| PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information | | | | |
| A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland | 335.36 | 309.51 | 309.74 | 322.06 |
| B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland | | | | |
| C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted | 0.442 | 0.401 | 0.391 | 0.433 |
| D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value | 89 | 87 | 87 | 87 |
| PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points) | 26 | 33 | 34 | 32 |

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| 3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Availability Of Farm Support Services | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8. On-Farm Investments | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |

| PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency) | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V) | 100 | 26 | 33 | 34 | 32 |
| Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment) | 160 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines) | 260 | 111 | 118 | 119 | 117 |

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|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
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