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Subject: Request for Concurrence of Continued Validity of CE Designation  
IM 15-4(129)229  
I-15: Augusta Intch-Craig  
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Dear Kevin McLaury:

As the design phase of the subject project has progressed, some new information has become available. The location of the subject project has been adjusted slightly for ease of construction. Please see the updated project location information below. There will also be temporary crossovers located outside of the project limits.

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Reference Post 229.099 to Reference Post 233.486  
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The subject project (prior to the split) qualified as a Categorical Exclusion (CE). The original CE was signed by your agency on March 11, 2009. The CE was re-evaluated (due to project split) and approved by FHWA on October 27, 2009. Please see the enclosed November 16, 2009, Addendum to the Scope of Work Report and December 30, 2009, Plan-in-Hand Report for additional project information. MDT has reviewed this new information in regard to NEPA/MEPA applicability. MDT concludes that the proposed subject action will still not have a significant environmental impact, will still qualify as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d), and will still qualify as a CE under ARM 18.2.261. At this time, we request the FHWA's concurrence that the proposed subject action is still properly classified as a CE under 23 CFR 771.117(d).

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enclosures: Addendum to the Scope of Work Report and Plan-in-Hand Report

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