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Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District  
Army Corps of Engineers,  
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Saint Paul, MN  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write today to request a public hearing to consider the application of the BNSF Railway to discharge dredged material in the La Crosse River Marsh area. Under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Army Corps of Engineers is required to evaluate such an application with regard to its impact on: the navigability of the waters, municipal water supplies, recreational use, and wildlife, among others factors.

As you know, BNSF is requesting to build four miles of additional railroad track adjacent to existing BNSF track and a one mile access road for maintenance in La Crosse County, Wisconsin. The project will eliminate the last remaining portion of single track in the area and alleviate current train traffic bottlenecks.

I have heard from several community members who are engaged on this issue. Therefore, I believe there is sufficient interest to have a public hearing on the application prior to its final approval. Please contact Brian Conlan in my Washington office at (202-224-5653) should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Senator Tammy Baldwin