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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

WASHINGTON, DC 20423

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 818X)

**CSX Transportation, Inc. - Abandonment Exemption –
in Marion County, Ind.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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In this proceeding, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a line of railroad in Marion County, Ind. The rail line proposed for abandonment is approximately 1.8-miles and runs between Lat/Long (39.74752, -86.18469) and Lat/Long (39.7294, -86.20626), on CSXT's Northeast Great Lakes Division, Indianapolis Terminal Subdivision, Craven Industrial track, in Marion County, Ind. (the "Line"). The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on November 22, 2024 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the Draft EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority: ¹

1. CSX Transportation, Inc. shall notify the National Geodetic Survey at

¹ If an interim trail use agreement under 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 is reached for the Line (or a portion thereof), compliance with these conditions is not required with respect to any portion of the Line covered by the interim trail use agreement for the duration of the agreement.

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2. In the event that any unanticipated archaeological sites, human remains, funerary items or associated artifacts are discovered during the CSX Transportation Inc.'s (CSXT) abandonment-related salvage activities, the CSXT will immediately cease all work and notify the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), interested Federally recognized tribes, and the SHPO pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13(b). OEA will then consult with the SHPO (or THPO), interested Federally recognized tribes, the railroad, and other consulting parties, if any, to determine whether appropriate mitigation measures are necessary.

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.