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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 817X)

**The CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption –
in Norfolk County, Mass.**

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 with the Surface Transportation Board under 49 C.F.R. § 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 Norfolk County, Massachusetts. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 1.61 miles from milepost QVF 18.01 south of Union Street to milepost QVF19.6 northeast of Grove Street, on CSXT's Northern Region, Franklin Subdivision (the Line). The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on January 14, 2025 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no 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, and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, 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.