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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 1266 (Sub-No. 2X)

**Canonie Atlantic Co. – Abandonment Exemption –
in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Norfolk, Va.**

Docket No. AB 1349X

**Buckingham Branch R.R. – Discontinuance Exemption –
in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Norfolk, Va.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

Notice of Exemption Petition for Exemption Regulated Abandonment

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In this proceeding, Canonie Atlantic Co. and Buckingham Branch Railroad Co. jointly filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment and discontinuance, respectively, of a line of railroad in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 2.3 miles from milepost 95.0 at Little Creek in the City of Virginia Beach to milepost 97.6 at Camden Heights in the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on April 13, 2026 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.

