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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 422X)

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company– Abandonment Exemption –
in Scioto County, Ohio**

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (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 railroad extending over 24.43 miles between milepost CT 80.57 +/- to approximately milepost CT 105.0 +/- in Scioto County, Ohio (the Line). The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on September 9, 2026 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

On June 22, 2026, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) submitted a comment stating that a Section 404 Clean water permit as well a Section 10 permit would not be required unless salvage plans change to include work in Waters of the United States or the Scioto River. Accordingly, no further consultation with USACE is required.

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.