

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 550 (Sub-No. 3X)

August 4, 2015

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

☐ Notice of Exemption ☒ Petition for Exemption ☐ Regulated Abandonment

☐ **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on June 30, 2015, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

OEA received comment from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) after issuance of the EA. The Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination submitted found an absence of Corps jurisdiction over the actions described in the proposed abandonment, however, the Corps notes that this determination is non-binding, and further consultation may be required. As OEA recommended this condition in the EA, no change to the EA is necessary.

Conclusions

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

- 1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, R. J. Corman Railroad Company shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regarding its requirements and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.**
- 2. R. J. Corman Railroad Company shall consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) prior to commencement of any project work within Department-owned rights-of-way at at-grade crossings.**

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

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