

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NOS.
AB 567 (SUB-NO. 2X) AND AB 568 (SUB-NO. 2X)

January 15, 2016

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

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

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 24, 2015, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

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 salvage activities, RRDC shall consult with NCDEQ to determine if any known environmental contamination is present within the rail line right-of-way.**

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

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