

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1240X

December 30, 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 9, 2016, 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 condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. The Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prior to commencement of any salvage activities regarding potential impacts to culverts or floodplains and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of PADEP.**

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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