

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 32 (Sub-No. 71X)

August 13, 2010

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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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on July 27, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA 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, the Boston & Maine Corporation shall consult with the National Park Service, Northeast Regional Office regarding any resources that may be affected by the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, the Boston & Maine Corporation shall notify the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to beginning salvages activities that would disturb or destroy and geodetic station markers.

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

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