

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 145 (Sub-No. 1X), DOCKET NO. AB 55 (Sub-No. 715X)

November 9, 2011

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 October 24, 2011 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. Prior to the commencement of any salvage activities, Carrollton Railroad shall consult with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the prime agricultural land identified in the area of the proposed abandonment.

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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