

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 331 (Sub-No. 2X)

December 31, 2015

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 14, 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 condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. Prior to conducting any salvage activities, The Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District shall consult with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, to address its concerns regarding the treatment of invasive plant species that may be identified in the project area.**

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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