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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)

May 15, 2009

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on April 24, 2009 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two (2) environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

SEA received one comment (see attached) after the issuance of the EA. The National Geodetic Survey commented that it has no comments on the proposed abandonment. Therefore, SEA is not recommending any additional conditions.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the two conditions recommended in the EA be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. SEA concludes that if the following conditions are imposed, the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

1. Prior to commencement of salvage activities, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (MMRR) shall contact the City of Muskegon regarding the restoration of the 15 public road crossings and related infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, curbs and pavement. MMRR shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the City in restoring the 15 public road crossings that maybe impacted as a result of rail line salvage.
2. In the event that any unanticipated archaeological sites, human remains, funerary items or associated artifacts are discovered during salvage activities, MMRR shall immediately cease all work and notify SEA, interested Federally recognized tribes, and the MI SHPO pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13(b). SEA shall then consult with the SHPO, interested Federally recognized tribes, MMRR, and any other consulting parties, if any, to determine whether appropriate mitigation measures are necessary.

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History

This message has been replied to.

NO Diana, we had no comments at this time.

Diana.Wood@stb.dot.gov wrote:

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> Hi Simon:
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> Were you going to send comments on the abandonment AB-364 (Sub-No. 16X)?
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> Thanks
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