

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1265X

June 6, 2019

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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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on April 2, 2019 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended no environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. OEA received no comments during the comment period and issued a Final EA on April 19, 2019.

In a letter dated May 10, 2019 and submitted after the comment period ended, the Delaware Nation stated that it has no objection to the proposed abandonment. However, the Delaware Nation requested immediate notification and consultation if an archaeological site or artifacts are discovered during any phase of the proposed abandonment. Accordingly, in a May 14, 2019 Supplemental Final EA, OEA recommended that the Board reopen this proceeding and impose an unanticipated discovery condition.

On June 4, 2019, OEA received a comment from the National Geodetic Survey stating that one geodetic marker had been identified that could be affected by the proposed abandonment. Accordingly, OEA is recommending that the Board reopen this proceeding and impose a consultation condition.

Conclusions

For the reason stated above, OEA recommends that the following new environmental condition be imposed:

1. Lehigh Valley Rail Management, LLC shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

If the above condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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Attachment

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Dear Atty Hocky:

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for Cambria County, Pa.

The area in question on the map of the Abandonment Exemption Docket No. AB 1265X, Lehigh Valley Rail Management LLC, in Cambria County, Pa has been reviewed within the scope of National Geodetic Survey (NGS) responsibility and expertise and in terms of the proposed actions on NGS activities.

As a result of this review, one geodetic marker has been identified that may be affected by the proposed abandonment.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, the Lehigh Valley Rail Management LLC shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities which will disturb or destroy any geodetic station marks described on the attached file.

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