

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 349X)

November 26, 2013

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 November 8, 2013 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.

Comments on the EA

OEA received one comment after issuance of the EA. The National Geodetic Survey submitted a comment stating that no geodetic station markers are located in the area of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, no mitigation regarding the potential disturbance of geodetic station markers is recommended.

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. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to determine what, if any, permits are needed prior to salvage, and to comply with their reasonable requirements if applicable.

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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