

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 352X) AND DOCKET NO. AB-1093 (Sub-No. 1X)

December 5, 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

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on November 20, 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

No new environmental comments were received following the issuance of the EA.

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. In the event that any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources, including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or locations reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices are discovered, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) shall immediately cease all work and notify the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) and the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (the State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13(b). OEA will then consult with the SHPO, NSR, and other consulting parties, if any, to determine whether appropriate mitigation measures are necessary.**

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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