

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 341X)

October 24, 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 September 27, 2013 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions 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 conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to determine what, if any, permits are needed prior to salvage, and to comply with their reasonable requirements if applicable.
2. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Conservation and Recreation Division prior to salvage to determine if a Sovereign Lands Construction Permit would be required and if applicable, to comply with its reasonable requirements.

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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