

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 400 (Sub-No. 7X)

May 10, 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

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on April 19, 2019, 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. Seminole Gulf Railway L.P. (SGLR) Inc. shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
- 2. If prehistoric or historic artifacts (such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement), or unmarked human remains are encountered at any time within the project site area, SGLR shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. SGLR shall contact both OEA and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. SGLR shall resume salvage activities within the vicinity of the discovery when it receives appropriate authorization.**

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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