

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

E0-2257

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1115X

**23 April 2014**

**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 4, 2014 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. Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC) shall, prior to conducting any salvage activities related to the abandonment, consult with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to address NDEQ's concerns regarding any solid and hazardous waste which might be generated or discovered during salvage activities, the handling of railroad crossties, and the applicability of NPDES permitting requirements.
2. Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC) shall consult with the U.S. Department of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) prior to commencing any salvage activities to determine the applicability of Corps requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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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