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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB 1098X and
DOCKET NO. AB 355 (SUB-NO. 41X)

August 2, 2012

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 July 13, 2012 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended one (1) environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

OEA has not received any new comments following the issuance of the EA.

Conclusion

Based on the information received in this proceeding, OEA recommends that the following condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. The Pan America Southern, LLC and the Springfield Terminal Railway Company shall consult with the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy the geodetic station marker.

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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