

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 404X)

October 7, 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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 20, 2019 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

OEA received one comment after issuance of the EA. The North Carolina State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) commented that no historic resources would be affected by the proposed abandonment. Accordingly, OEA is no longer recommending that the Section 106 condition previously recommended in the EA be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following two conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with Guilford County to determine whether an erosion control plan review is required and if so, comply with the plan's reasonable requirements.
2. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall notify the National Geodetic Survey at NGS.Infocenter@noaa.gov at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities to allow time for the geodetic survey markers in the right-of-way to be preserved.

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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