

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

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**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1072X

**July 16, 2012**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

( ) Notice of Exemption (X) 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 June 15, 2012, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended the following 2 environmental conditions:

1. Iowa River Railroad, Inc., shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to the beginning of salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. Iowa River Railroad, Inc., shall contact the Marshalltown Local Flood Protect Project (Sarah Jones (309)794-5206), the Federal Emergency Management Agency ((816) 283-7061), and the Iowa Emergency Management Division (John Wagman (515) 725-3231)

Based upon further review, OEA is modifying recommended environmental condition No. 2 and recommending a new environmental condition No. 3. OEA is recommending that environmental condition No. 2 be modified to read as follows:

Iowa River Railroad, Inc. (IRR), shall contact the Marshalltown Local Flood Protect Project (Sarah Jones (309)794-5206), the Federal Emergency Management Agency ((816) 283-7061), and the Iowa Emergency Management Division (John Wagman (515) 725-3231) regarding potential impacts to flood control projects in the area of the proposed abandonment. IRR shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis prior to the onset of salvage operations.

The new environmental condition No. 3 shall read as follows:

Iowa River Railroad, Inc., shall consult with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the need to obtain storm water discharge and fugitive dust emission permits prior to initiating any salvage activities.

## **Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following 3 conditions should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. Iowa River Railroad, Inc., shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey at least 90 days prior to the beginning of salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
- 2. Iowa River Railroad, Inc. (IRR), shall contact the Marshalltown Local Flood Protect Project (Sarah Jones (309)794-5206), the Federal Emergency Management Agency ((816) 283-7061), and the Iowa Emergency Management Division (John Wagman (515) 725-3231) regarding potential impacts to flood control projects in the area of the proposed abandonment. IRR shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis prior to the onset of salvage operations.**
- 3. Iowa River Railroad, Inc., shall consult with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the need to obtain storm water discharge and fugitive dust emission permits prior to initiating any salvage activities.**

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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