

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 490 (Sub-No. 2X)

February 5, 2015

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 January 16, 2015, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended four 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. The Greenville County Economic Development Corporation 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. The Greenville County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC) shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) prior to commencement of any salvage activities regarding the implementation and documentation of field surveys and shall comply with the agency's reasonable recommendations. GCEDC shall report the results of this consultation in writing to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis prior to beginning salvage activities.
3. If any contamination or remediation is found within the project area, the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation shall consult with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) prior to beginning salvage activities that may affect remediation efforts underway or necessary. GCEDC shall report the results of this consultation in writing to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis prior to beginning salvage activities.

4. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, the Greenville County Economic Development Corporation shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) regarding potential impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.

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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