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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
DOCKET NO. AB-1099X

July 23, 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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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an EA for this proceeding on July 3, 2012 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

OEA received no comments during the EA comment period.

Modifications to the EA

None.

Conclusions

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

1. Sunflour Railroad, Inc. shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. Sunflour Railroad, Inc. shall report to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis regarding any consultations with the South Dakota State Historical Society (the State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) and the public. Sunflour Railroad, Inc. may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

If the recommended condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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