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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 420X)

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –
In the City of Baltimore, Md.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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In this proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a freight rail easement in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. The freight rail easement proposed for abandonment extends approximately 1.0 miles from milepost UU 0.00 +/- southeast of North Howard Street to milepost UU 1.00 +/- north of Wyman Park Drive, known as the Cockeysville Industrial Track which runs between Baltimore and Cockeysville, Md. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on December 29, 2025 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended no environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended, and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.