

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 389X)

April 13, 2017

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 March 28, 2017 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two 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 Delaware Nation commented that they concurred with the proposed abandonment. Therefore, no additional mitigation is recommended.

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. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Ecological Services Field Office, to determine if any further review is necessary under the Endangered Species Act.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, Flood Risk Management Program for the Upper Roanoke River.

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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