

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290-389X

April 20, 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. OEA received one comment during the comment period and issued a Final EA on April 13, 2017.

On April 18, 2017, the Board received an OFA that contained a late environmental comment from Mr. David L. Foster. Mr. Foster commented that piles of black waste from a nearby foundry are located in the right-of-way of the proposed abandonment and suggested that environmental remediation may be required. Accordingly, we recommend that NSR consult with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to address citizen concerns regarding black foundry waste located in the right-of-way of the proposed abandonment.

Conclusions

For the reasons stated above, OEA recommends that the following new environmental condition be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to address citizen concerns regarding black foundry waste located in the right-of-way of the proposed abandonment.

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

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