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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 419X)

**Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –
in Summit County, OH**

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) 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 line of railroad in Summit County, Ohio. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 1.16 miles from milepost AI 0.29 +/- north of the Veterans Way bridge to milepost AI 1.45 +/- at Barlow Road (the Line). 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 a historic preservation condition pursuant to Section 106 the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

On January 5, 2026, NSR submitted a comment letter from the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) dated October 13, 2025. In the letter, the SHPO stated that the proposed abandonment would have no effect on historic properties. OEA concurs with the SHPO's conclusion.

Therefore, pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of NHPA at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, OEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not adversely affect historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(d), consists of NSR's historic report, all relevant correspondence, the Draft EA, and this Final EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public

through posting on the Board's website at www.stb.gov. Accordingly, the Section 106 process has been completed, and OEA is no longer recommending that the Board impose a Section 106 condition on any decision granting abandonment authority.

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.