

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 392 (Sub-No. 1X)

12 April 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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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on March 26, 2012 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

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. Arkansas Midland Railroad Company (AKMD) shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers by NGS.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Arkansas Midland Railroad Company shall consult with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) to address its concerns about potential impacts to designated wetlands from salvage activities and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of ANRC.
3. Arkansas Midland Railroad Company shall, prior to conducting any salvage activities related to the abandonment, ensure that archeological site 3PH470 is not adversely impacted by the salvage activities.

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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