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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-43 (Sub-No. 182X)

March 10, 2009

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

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

☒ Notice of Exemption    ☐ Petition for Exemption    ☐ Regulated Abandonment

☒ **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on February 23, 2009 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. No additional comments were received during the comment period.

**Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Based on the comments of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the Illinois Central Railroad Company shall follow best management practices during salvage activities to minimize impacts to water quality and wildlife habitat.
2. To address the concerns raised by the Grenada County Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed abandonment, the Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) shall consult with the Grenada County Board of Supervisors prior to commencement of salvage activities. IC shall report the results of these consultations to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis prior to commencement of salvage activities.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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