

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 332X)

20 April 2018

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 April 3, 2018 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.

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. Union Pacific Railroad Company 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 beginning any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall consult with the Coastal Resources Department of the Texas General Land Office to determine whether state coastal management consistency certification is required. UP shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis prior to the onset of salvage operations.

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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