

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 290 (Sub-No. 339 X)

January 23, 2014

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 January 3, 2014 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. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the City of Crowders to determine what, if any, permits are needed prior to salvage, and to comply with their reasonable requirements if applicable.
2. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality prior to salvage to discuss which of its suggestions/mitigation measures would be necessary and to comply with their reasonable requirements.

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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