

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO.
AB 55 (Sub-No. 711X)

September 8, 2011

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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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on August 23, 2011 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 2 environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. No new comments have been received in response to the EA.

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. CSXT Transportation, Inc. shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. CSXT Transportation, Inc. shall consult with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation prior to the initiation of salvage activities regarding the control of impacts to water bodies from: petroleum products, fresh concrete, concrete leachate; washings from equipment of trucks; or excessive amounts of silt, clay, or mud; the control of sediment through the use of bales of hay, water bars, and silt fences; and the reseeded of any disturbed areas with appropriate perennial grasses mulched with hay or straw.

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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