

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

EO-2864

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 57 (Sub-No. 64X)

November 10, 2016

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 October 21, 2016, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition 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 condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

- 1. The Soo Line Railroad Company shall consult with the North Dakota Department of Health prior to beginning any salvage activities regarding state regulations for fugitive dust emissions and asbestos removal; proper control of runoff, sedimentation, and spills; and noise level concerns, and shall comply with DOH's reasonable requirements.**

If the above condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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