

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

ED-1458  
KHB

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 281X)

**June 23, 2010**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption   ☐ ( ) Petition for Exemption   ☐ ( ) Regulated Abandonment

☐ ( ) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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By decision served on May 20, 2010, the Board imposed a condition requiring Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites and structures on the right-of-way that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) until completion of the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470 f (NHPA).

**Comments on the EA**

In correspondence dated June 18, 2010, UP forwarded to the Board information from the California Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation (CA SHPO) indicating that the CA SHPO concurs that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed abandonment.

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the NHPA at 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(b), and following consultation with the CA SHPO and the public, we have determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(e), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the April 26, 2010 Environmental Assessment which have been provided to the CA SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

**Accordingly, we recommend that the Section 106 condition imposed in the Board's May 20, 2010 decision be removed.**

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14 June 2010

Reply To: STB100226A

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Re: Abandonment Exemption of the Brea Chemical Industrial from M. P. 507.5 to M.P. 508.65,  
near the City of Brea, Orange County, CA

Dear Mr. Shumate:

Mr. Fritz Kahn initiated consultation on behalf of the STB regarding the above referenced undertaking. STB is requesting my assistance in assessing any potential effects of the abandonment action in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations and implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of abandonment of a portion of rail line between Milepost 507.5 to Milepost 508.65 near the City of Brea in Orange County.

After reviewing the Historic Report included in the consultation package, I am able to concur with the STB overall effort to determine and document the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1). Likewise, STB's effort to document historic properties in the APE is satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(b). I presently understand it there are not historic properties within the APE.

Because there are no historic properties present in the APE, I am able to concur with the "No Historic Properties Affected" for the undertaking.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 654-7372 or e-mail at [ablosser@parks.ca.gov](mailto:ablosser@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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