

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN  
DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 735X)

November 14, 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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In this proceeding, the CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the proposed abandonment of a line of railroad and any associated common carrier obligation in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on October 24, 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 and no comments were received. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to the commencement of any salvage activities, CSXT shall consult with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to determine if the project is consistent with state and local water quality standards and if permits under the Clean Water Act are required. CSXT shall comply with reasonable requirements of the IDEM.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, CSXT shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). CSXT shall notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic survey markers in order to plan for the possible relocation of the survey markers by NGS.

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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