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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1112X

November 19, 2015

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 30, 2015, for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended three 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. Caldwell Railroad Commission shall consult with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality prior to beginning salvage activities to determine whether any permitting is required and comply with the Department's reasonable requirements.**
- 2. Caldwell Railroad Commission shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.**
- 3. Caldwell Railroad Commission shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) prior to commencement of any salvage activities regarding potential impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.**

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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