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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN

DOCKET NO. AB 1261

October 8 , 2019

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:
() Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption (X) Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an EA for this proceeding on October 12, 2018 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.

Comments on the EA

None.

Modifications to the EA

None.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended, and no comments were received. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following three conditions previously recommended in the EA be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to the commencement of any salvage activities, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation shall review the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's website at

<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm> every 90 days to ensure that listed species information is current for the proposed abandonment.

2. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Upstate Regulatory Field Office in Watervliet regarding planned or potential right-of-way maintenance and culvert or crossing removals and associated permitting requirements.
3. Saratoga and North Creek Railway shall cooperate as necessary to facilitate the successful and timely completion of the above conditions.

If the recommended conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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