

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 336X)

March 19, 2019

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

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

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on February 15, 2019 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.

Comments on the EA

OEA received one comment after issuance of the EA. The Nebraska Regulatory Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) commented that it presently is not involved in the proposed abandonment because there are no impacts to the waters of the United States. Should future impacts be proposed, USACE states that a permit application may be required.

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. Should any salvage activities be conducted, Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and comply with its reasonable permitting requirements prior to salvage.
2. Should any salvage activities be conducted, Union Pacific Railroad Company 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.

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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