

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 263X)

December 12, 2008

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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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on November 21, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the EA

Not applicable.

Modifications to the EA

Not applicable.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Chicago District regarding potential permitting requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

If the above condition is imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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