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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub No. 291X)

January 10, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE

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

Notice of Exemption Petition for Exemption Regulated Abandonment

NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 7, 2007, 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.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following single environmental condition be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The condition is:

- 1. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources prior to commencement of any salvage activities regarding abandonment and salvaging procedures, including erosion control.**

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

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