

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

EO-1034

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-33 (Sub-No. 258X)

September 11, 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 August 25, 2008 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA 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, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. The 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 could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. The Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Water Pollution Control Office, prior to the onset of salvage activities regarding potential impacts to wetlands or water resources.
3. The Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential impacts to aquatic resources that could occur as a result of salvage activities conducted along the Line.

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

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