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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 649X)

October 16, 2007

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 October 1, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two 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. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, CSXT Transportation, Inc. shall consult with the New York Department of State – Division of Coastal Resources to determine whether the proposed abandonment would require further applications or permits and comply with its reasonable requirements.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, CSXT Transportation, Inc. shall consult with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Permits to determine whether a general permit for stormwater discharges would be required and comply with its reasonable requirements.

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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