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

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-762X

12 June 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 May 23, 2008 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.

**Comments on the EA**

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) has reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Based upon its review, it is the SHPO's opinion that the project will have no effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register).

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 CFR 800.5(b), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, SEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 CFR 800.11(e), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website.

Accordingly, SEA believes that condition 2 in the EA is no longer necessary.

**Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended. SEA recommends that condition 1 as previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment

authority. Condition 2, previously recommended in the EA, is no longer necessary.

1. Middletown and New Jersey Railway 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 condition is imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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Re: STB  
Middletown & New Jersey Railway: line  
abandonment  
From MP 6.5 to MP 14  
MINISINK, UNIONVILLE, WAWAYANDA,  
Orange County  
03PR0192

Dear Mr. Winant:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont  
Director