

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-383 (Sub-No. 5X)

AUGUST 10, 2007

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

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

( ) Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

( ) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on July 6, 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 if the two recommended conditions were imposed.

**Comments on the EA**

SEA received two comments after issuance of the EA. The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program stated that the proposed abandonment is waived from Federal consistency review (see attached letter). The Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation (i.e., the State Historic Preservation Officer or SHPO) concluded that the proposed abandonment would have no adverse effect on historic properties (see attached SHPO form).

**Conclusions**

Based on the above information, SEA has determined that the Federal consistency review and concurrence process under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) is no longer applicable to this proceeding, and that the CZMA condition recommended in the EA is no longer needed.

SEA has also determined that the Section 106 process has been completed in this proceeding and that the Section 106 condition recommended in the EA is no longer needed.

Therefore, no environmental conditions are recommended by SEA for this proceeding. SEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF  
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Rec'd by Email 7/19/07

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June 26, 2007

Timothy J. Karp, Vice President-Finance  
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Milwaukee, WI 53209-0229

RE: Rail Line Abandonment – 2.41 miles of track and right-of-way in City of Milwaukee  
and City of Glendale, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Karp:

Thank you for notifying the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company's petition to the Surface Transportation Board to discontinue service and abandon 2.41 miles of track and right-of-way in Milwaukee County. Through its Federal Consistency authority, the WCMP reviews federally-affiliated projects that are likely to have impacts on the coastal zone, defined as the fifteen counties adjacent to Lake Superior, Green Bay and Lake Michigan. This letter is to inform you that the WCMP waives review of the project. This does not exempt the proposed project from requiring any other necessary state or local permits or authorizations. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (608) 267-7988.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Angel  
Program and Planning Analyst  
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Rec'd by email 7/12/07

ET-3050

For SHPO Use Only. Case # 07-130

**REQUEST FOR SHPO COMMENT AND CONSULTATION ON A FEDERAL UNDERTAKING**

Submit one copy with each undertaking for which our comment is requested. Please print or type. Return to:  
Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation, Office of Preservation Planning, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706  
Please Check All Boxes and Include All of the Following Information, as Applicable.

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- This is a new submittal.
- This is supplemental information relating to Case # AB-383 ; Project # 07-0130, and title: WSOR Abandonment Exemption in Milwaukee County
- This project is being undertaken pursuant to the terms and conditions of a programmatic or other interagency agreement. The title of the agreement is \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Federal Agency Jurisdiction (Agency providing funds, assistance, license, permit): Surface Transportation Board
- b. Federal Agency Contact Person: Dave Konschnik Phone: 202-245-0350
- c. Project Contact Person: Tim Karp Phone: 414-438-8830
- d. Return Address: P.O. Box 90229; 5300 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street; Milwaukee, WI Zip Code: 53209-0229
- e. Email Address: tkarp@wsorrailroad.com
- f. Project Name: WSOR Abandonment of the Nut Line
- g. Project Street Address: The railroad track and right of way that is located just east of N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee, WI at Milepost 94.35 and runs southeast to a point just West of N. Richards Street in Milwaukee, WI at Milepost 96.76.
- h. County: Milwaukee Cities: Milwaukee and Glendale Zip Code: 53209 and 53212
- i. Project Location: Township North, Range 22 East, E/W (circle one), Section 6, 5 and 8, Quarter Sections \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Project Narrative Description—Attach Information as Necessary.
- k. Area of Potential Effect (APE). Attach Copy of U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle showing APE.

**II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

- Historic Properties are located within the project APE per 36 CFR 800.4. Attach supporting materials. Cemetery
- Historic Properties are not located within the project APE per 36 CFR 800.4. Attach supporting materials.

**III. FINDINGS**

- No historic properties will be affected (i.e., none is present or there are historic properties present but the project will have no effect upon them). Attach necessary documentation, as described at 36 CFR 800.11.
- The proposed undertaking will have no adverse effect on one or more historic properties located within the project APE under 36 CFR 800.5. Attach necessary documentation, as described at 36 CFR 800.11.
- The proposed undertaking will result in an adverse effect to one or more historic properties and the applicant, or other federally authorized representative, will consult with the SHPO and other consulting parties to resolve the adverse effect per 36 CFR 800.6. Attach supporting documentation as described at 36 CFR 800.11 with a proposed plan to resolve adverse effect(s).

Authorized Signature: Timothy J. Karp Date: 07/17/2007

Type or print name: Timothy J. Karp

