

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

EO-2305

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB-303 (Sub-No. 44X)

20 August 2014

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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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on August 1, 2014 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA 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, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Wisconsin Central Ltd. shall, prior to conducting any salvage activities related to the abandonment, consult with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to address compliance with WisDOT's *Abandoned Railroad, Line Salvage and Clean-up Policy/Standards/Procedures*.
2. Wisconsin Central Ltd. shall notify the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers in order to plan for the possible relocation of the geodetic station markers by NGS.

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

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