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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 575X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN LEE COUNTY, VA

Decided: November 18, 1999

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments to abandon its line of railroad between milepost OCV-242.00 and milepost OCV-243.6, near Hagans, in Lee County, VA, a distance of approximately 1.6 miles (line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on October 26, 1999 (64 FR 57696). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on November 25, 1999.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on October 29, 1999. In the EA, SEA states that the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Environmental Quality submitted a list of suggestions concerning water quality, air quality, erosion and sediment control and storm water management and pesticides and herbicides prior to salvage operations. Therefore, SEA recommends that, prior to conducting any salvage operations, CSXT consult with (1) the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, (505) 676-4899, concerning water quality and air quality, (2) the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, (804) 786-2064, to ensure compliance with Virginia's regulations regarding soil erosion and sediment control and storm water management, and (3) the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, (804) 786-3501, concerning the use of herbicides and pesticides. The conditions will be imposed.

As conditioned, this decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. This proceeding is reopened.
2. Upon reconsideration, the exemption of the abandonment of the line described above is subject to the condition that CSXT consult with (1) the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, (505) 676-4899, concerning water quality and air quality, (2) the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, (804) 786-2064, to ensure compliance with Virginia's regulations regarding soil erosion and sediment control and storm water management, and (3) the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, (804) 786-3501, concerning the use of herbicides and pesticides.

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3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary