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Hi Adam

I'm ccing Vicky Wiraatmadja on this reply as she is taking on the day to day project management for former Williams AFB. We expect Air Force should be finalizing the Fifth Five year review within the next month or two.

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"We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality." - Ayn Rand

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Hi Carolyn,

The Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis is conducting its NEPA review of a proposed rail construction (by Union Pacific) in Mesa, Arizona. In the course of our review, we've identified hazardous sites and associated monitoring wells in or near the study area. I would like to schedule a time to speak with you about the project, give you some background on the review thus far, and discuss how our agency can potentially condition any construction authorities or approvals to be sufficiently protective of ongoing remediation and monitoring efforts in the area.

Of specific concern is the NPL-listed former Williams Air Force Base. While we have been able to consider the 2017 five-year review, we were hoping to incorporate findings of the updated review anticipated in Fall 2022 into our analysis.

Are there a few times over the next two weeks that you would be free for an MS Teams call so we may walk through some of our concerns with visuals and get your feedback?

Kind regards,

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