



United States Department of Agriculture

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Nancy Shelton
Senior Environmental Planner

Dear Ms. Shelton:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed information about a Pecos Industrial Rail and Train Extension (PIRATE) project in Maricopa County, AZ, and acknowledge a request to determine whether the project has potential for environmental impacts that affect farmland as defined in Sec. (658.2 a) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) dealing with the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The NRCS acts as the national Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) steward in reviewing and documenting conversion of farmland (i.e., Prime, Statewide Importance, and /or Local Importance) to non-agricultural use when the project utilizes federal funds.

After reviewing the project proposal, the PIRATE project, the following is noted:

The land is subject to FPPA, and the land evaluation (LE) point score on the NRCS-CPA-106 form has a ranking score of 4.61 determined on a statewide basis. Please complete Parts 3, 6, & 7 of form CPA-106 and return for our records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-280-8789 or via email at scott.woodall@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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