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The Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation is Verlon Jose

I believe that the EA for the Pirate Project needs to be put on hold until the damage assessment report and recommendations on mitigation and various legal issues are resolved.

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Dear Chairman Ned Norris, Jr.,

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) today for the proposed construction of a new rail line in southeastern Mesa, Arizona by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in Docket No. FD 36501. The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental and historic impacts of 6.0 miles of new rail line to connect UP's Phoenix Subdivision main line to industrial properties southeast of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

The Draft EA is available on the Board's website (www.stb.gov) by clicking "Search STB Records" near the top of the home page and searching for "Decisions" using Docket Number "FD 36501."

OEA is now inviting individuals, agencies, tribes, organizations, and other interested parties to submit environmental comments on all aspects of the Draft EA. Commenters may submit written comments electronically through the Board's environmental comment form [here](#). Alternatively, written comments may be mailed to:

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It is not necessary to mail written comments that have been filed electronically. Please refer to Docket No. FD 36501 in all correspondence addressed to the Board, including all comments submitted on the Draft EA.

More information about the Draft EA, including project information, locations to access a printed copy of the Draft EA, and additional instructions on how to submit comments can be found [here](#). Comments on the Draft EA will be due by June 30, 2023.

Please address any questions electronically to Alan Tabachnick, OEA's Federal Preservation Officer, at Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov. Thank you for your interest and participation in the Board's environmental review process.

Sincerely,

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