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Ms. Estill,

The Surface Transportation Board has no comments.

Thanks much,
Diana Wood

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Ms. Estill,

Personnel with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) have reviewed the proposed project modifications as described below and offer the following comments.

The SCDNR has no objections to permit issuance provided that the Special Conditions included in Appendix A of the original May 7, 2019 Department of the Army permit (SAC-2016-01395) are included in the proposed modified permit and any required certifications.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposed modifications and provide comments. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at mixong@dnr.sc.gov or 803-734-3282.

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Good Afternoon

This is in regard to a request to modify the subject Department of the Army (DA) permit, received in our office on January 17, 2024. DA permit SAC-2016-01395 authorized Palmetto Railways to permanently impact 120.01 acres (ac) of wetland (103.12 ac cut/fill and 16.89 ac clearing) and 537.2 linear feet (lf) of stream (315.2 lf pipe and 222 lf morphologic) for the construction a 22.7 mile-long industrial rail line connecting the CSXT Cross Subdivision near the Santee Cooper Cross Generating Station and the Camp Hall Commerce Park. The rail line corridor travels south and west, crossing the Diversion Canal between Lakes Marion and Moultrie, through the unincorporated community of Cross, splitting and ending with two tracks (Camp Hall Track and the Volvo Lead Track) on the Camp Hall Commerce Park site in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

The proposed modifications are a result of design changes to the northern section of the rail line to accommodate drainage structures, adjustments to the track profile, revisions to road crossings, revisions to the bridge over the Diversion Canal, and additional construction access/laydown areas. The design changes result in a net reduction of 0.37 acres of wetland impact and 6.5 linear feet of stream impact. In particular, wetland fill impacts are reduced by 6.42 acres and wetland clearing impacts are increased by 6.05 acres.

A link will be sent separately through DoD Safe with the following documents regarding this modification.

- Original May 7, 2019 DA permit and figures
- The proposed modifications to the figures entitled "Palmetto Railways Camp Hall Rail Project", Sheets 1-4, 10-27, 52-90, and 106 of 106 dated January 2024 provided by Palmetto Railways
- A color-coded comparison of impacts and table

The Surface Transportation Board, Federal Railroad Administration, and US Coast Guard were Coordinating/Cooperating Agencies during the original review process. EPA and SCDNR are

Resources Agencies who provided comments to be addressed during the original review process. DHEC regulates the 401 WQC and CZC programs in South Carolina. Therefore, this modification is being coordinated with your offices. Please provide any comments within 15 days from the date of this email (COB May 13, 2024). If no response is received by that date, we will assume your agency has no comment and move forward with a final decision regarding the proposed modification. Please note our office does not intend to post a Public Notice for the proposed modification.

In all future correspondence, please refer to file number SAC-2016-01395. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call or email me.

Respectfully,

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