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Hello,

Please see the attached General Information Letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT
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March 9, 2026

Central Branch

SUBJECT: General Information Letter; File No. SWG-2026-00124; Proposed Construction and Operation for Five-Mile Rail Line Project in Matagorda County, Texas

Karen Stevens
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 36854
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Sent via email to: karen.stevens@stb.gov

Dear Ms. Stevens:

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

This letter is in reference to your letter dated February 13, 2026, requesting information regarding environmental resources that may be affected by the proposed construction and operation of approximately five miles of new rail line. The project will connect LyondellBasell's existing Matagorda polymer plant to Union Pacific Railroad Company's Angleton Subdivision, via existing rail lines known as the Celanese Industrial Lead and the Cities Service Track, near Big Boggy Creek, south of Bay City, in Matagorda, Texas.

The Corps of Engineers (Corps), Regulatory Division, regulates the work and/or structures in/ or affecting navigable waters of the United States (U.S.) under the authority of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 10). Navigable waters of the U.S. include all waters that are navigable today, in the past or reasonably foreseeable future and those affected by the daily tide. The Corps, Regulatory Division, also regulates the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the U.S. under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404). Waters of the U.S. include aquatic features such as the navigable waters of the U.S., rivers, lakes, streams, tidal and mud flats, and adjacent wetlands.

Additionally, activities that affect Federal Interests (federal projects and/or work areas) would also be subject to federal regulation under the authority of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 408). Section 408 makes it unlawful for anyone to alter in any manner, in whole or in part, any work (ship channel, flood control channels,

seawalls, bulkhead, jetty, piers, etc.) built by the United States unless it is authorized by the Corps of Engineers (i.e. Navigation and Operations Division). Lastly, the Corps has real estate interests over lands for various purposes, including operations and maintenance of its navigation and flood risk management projects. These interests include fee ownership, perpetual easements, navigational servitude, rights-of-way, etc. Coordination with the Galveston District is required in order to use these lands. Depending on the scope and location of the non-federal project, coordination with one, or all, of the following Galveston District offices may be required: Regulatory Division (Department of Army Permits), Real Estate Division (Outgrants) and/or Operations Division (Section 408 reviews). For further information, please see <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Land-Use/>.

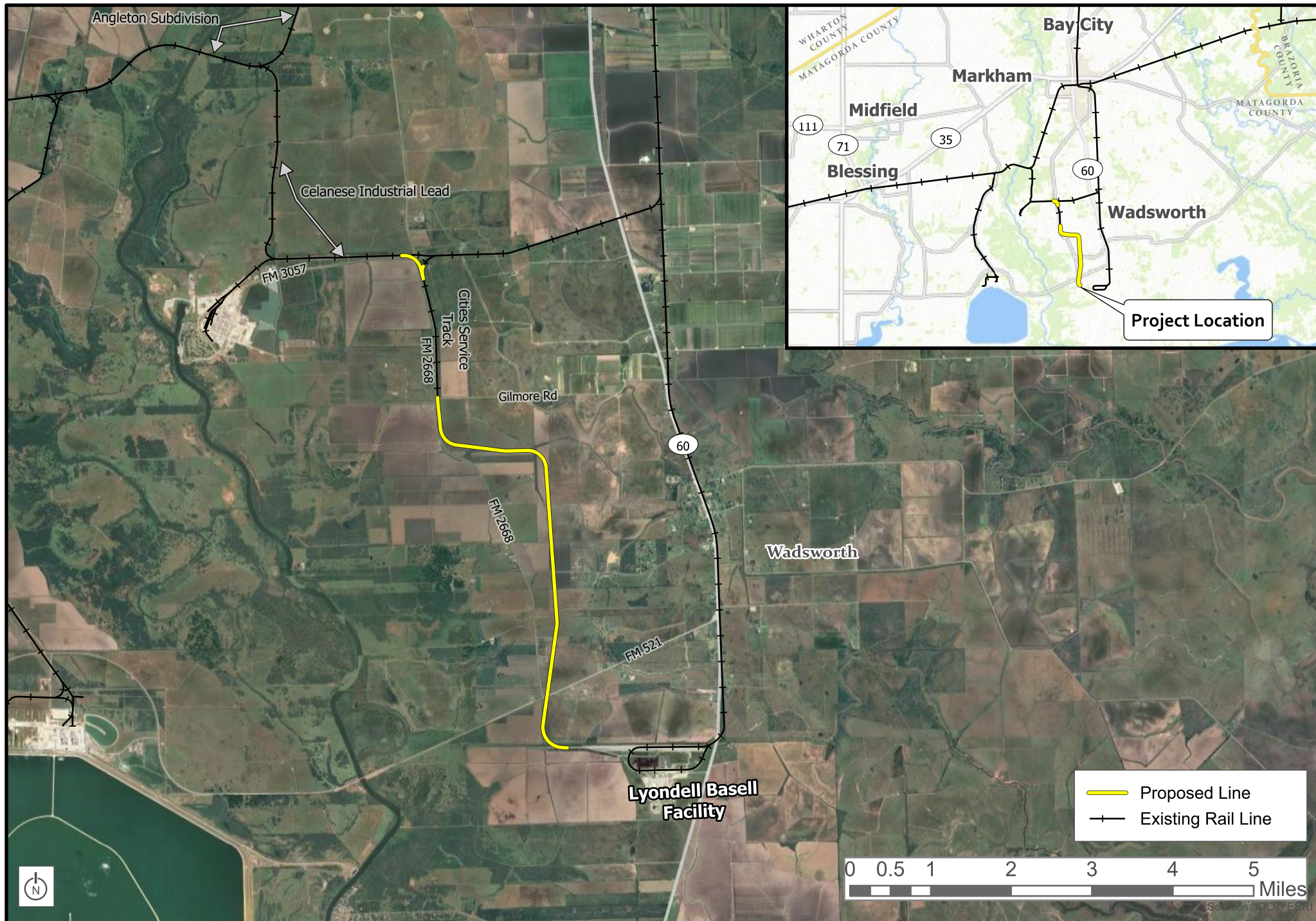
If any activity is performed that triggers any of the aforementioned federal regulations, a Department of Army permit will be required prior to the activity occurring. Due to the nature of this request we cannot address any specific requirement but do note that jurisdictional aquatic resources have been located in the vicinity. To address any specific permit requirement we will require specific project details.

This response is not an authorization. Please reference the subject file number **SWG-2026-00124** in future correspondence pertaining to this subject. If you have any questions, please contact the Regulatory Hotline at 409-766-3869. To assist us in improving our service to you, please complete the survey found at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Marie Taylor".

K. Marie Taylor
Leader, Central Branch



Project Location Map

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 Union Pacific Railroad Company
 Construction and Operation Exemption
 Matagorda County, TX

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