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To: Poole, Andrea
Cc: Thomas, Lemuel
Subject: RE: SWF-2025-00261 (Laredo Gateway Industrial Railway (Docket No. FD 36847) Surface Transportation Board)
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 2:24:13 PM
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Hi Andrea:

I double-checked the materials and verified the delineation report encompasses only the footprint of the project (which appears to be void of aquatic resources)... so this can be a "no permit required" letter based on a dry land approved jurisdictional determination for the footprint of the project only.

Respectfully,
Eric Dephouse

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Correction – draft EA not draft EIS ...thanks!

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Hi Andrea – I downloaded the press release and reviewed the DEIS materials. It appears we can do a "no permit required" letter for the footprint of the project based on avoidance of the wetland in the delineation review area (with an approved jurisdictional determination removing the small wetland from jurisdiction). Please let me know how you would like to proceed – I can proceed with working on that now, or wait until the EIS is finalized, or some other future date.

Respectfully,
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Eric-
Nice to work with you again. We just released the Draft Environmental Assessment. You can reach it using the link in the attached Press Release. Our investigation did not find WOUS. The wetland report is in Appendix D.

Please reach out with any questions.

Many thanks,

Andrea
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Dear Ms. Poole:

Thank you for your letter received April 10, 2026, concerning a proposal for the construction and operation of a new 13, 850 foot long rail line located in Webb County, Texas. The project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2025-00261, please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project.

Mr. Eric Dephouse has been reassigned as the regulatory project manager for your request and will be evaluating it as expeditiously as possible.

You may be contacted for additional information about your request. For your information, please refer to the Fort Worth District Regulatory Division homepage at http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/regulatory and particularly guidance on submittals at https://swf-apps.usace.army.mil/pubdata/environ/regulatory/introduction/submital.pdf and mitigation at https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/Mitigation that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests.

If you have any questions about the evaluation of your submittal or would like to request a copy of one of the documents referenced above, please refer to our website at http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory or contact Mr. Eric Dephouse by telephone (817) 886-1820, or by email Eric.J.Dephouse@usace.army.mil, and refer to your assigned project number. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

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