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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Via: **E-mail**

**Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2026-212. LAREDO GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY, LLC -
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A LINE OF RAILROAD. Webb County.**

Dear Ms. Poole,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:

The proposed action is located in Webb County, which is currently designated attainment/unclassifiable for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Federal Clean Air Act, §176(c) general conformity requirements do not apply for this action.

The Office of Water does not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits, statutes, and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to ensure that best management practices are used to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

Any debris or waste disposal should be at an appropriately authorized disposal facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact the agency NEPA coordinator at (512) 239-5538 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Vise".

Ryan Vise
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