



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

EI-20952

March 11, 2015

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2015-00057, Howard County Rail Line

Mr. Kenneth Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

This letter is in regard to information received January 29, 2015, concerning a proposal by Lone Star Railroad, Inc. and Southern Switching Company to construct a new rail line located in Howard County, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2015-00057. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project.

Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. USACE responsibility under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Based on your description of the proposed work, and other information available to us, we have determined this project will not involve activities subject to the requirements of Section 404 or Section 10. Therefore, it will not require Department of the Army authorization pursuant to Section 404 and/or Section 10.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please refer to our website at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx> or contact Mr. Billy Standridge at the address above or telephone 817-886-1662 and refer to your assigned project number.

Please help the regulatory program improve its service by completing the survey on the following website: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey

Sincerely,


For Stephen L Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Division