



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
GALVESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 1229
GALVESTON, TEXAS 77553-1229

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

December 8, 2005

Environmental Section

#E1-1881
DAW

Ms. Diana Wood
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Wood:

This is in response to the request for comment for Environmental Assessment (EA) STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 226X) and STB Docket No. AB-654X, concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance of service for over 2.2 miles of railroad located between milepost 0.00, near UP Main Switch, and milepost 2.20, near Arthur Street, in Cameron County, Texas.

After review by elements of the Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division, the proposed activity may require a Department of the Army (DOA) permit. Please contact Mr. Don Nanninga, Chief, Evaluation Section, Galveston District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229 to determine if DOA permits are necessary. Mr. Nanninga can also be contacted at (409) 766-3938.

Please note that the above mentioned EA was sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District. Cameron County is in the USACE, Galveston District and any further correspondence should be sent to the address listed for Mr. Nanninga.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment upon the proposed project and trust that this response facilitates your planning and implementation process.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Murphy
Chief, Environmental Section