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Texas Department of Transportation
Attn: Ms. Callie Barnes, Environmental Specialist
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Dear Ms. Barnes:

We have reviewed the Texas State Historic Preservation Office letter dated July 17, 2018 regarding the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Bridge across Cedar Bayou, mile 7.0, in Baytown, Texas.

The Coast Guard supports designating the Surface Transportation Board as the lead federal agency for purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Coast Guard does not need to be a signatory member to the MOA.

Removal of the abandoned UPRR bridge across Cedar Bayou does not require a Coast Guard bridge permit as long as the bridge is removed to the satisfaction of all federal, state and local agencies and meets the below Coast Guard requirements:

1. The bridge is removed in its entirety including removal of all piers 5' below the mudline.
2. When the removal is complete TX DOT will provide the Bridge Administration Branch with confirmation that the bridge was removed to the above conditions.
3. TX DOT obtains approval from Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston before the operation begins. Any operation that impacts or has the potential to impact waterway safety must be approved by the appropriate Coast Guard Captain of the Port. TX DOT must obtain approval for their removal operations with the below Coast Guard Captain of the Port:

Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston
Prevention Department
13411 Hillard St.
Houston, TX 77034
(281) 464-4700

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Please contact myself or Donna Gagliano at the above numbers if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Bridge Administration Branch
By direction of the Commander
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