



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

September 30, 2025

Jay Johnson
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Re: Docket No. FD 36633, Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal District (PPHTD) – Construction and Operation Exemption – Line of Railroad in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.; Information Request #1

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Consistent with 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(f), the Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) requests the information listed below, which is needed to support the environmental review for the above-referenced proceeding.

Proposed Action:

- IR1-1.** Please provide shapefiles or .kmz files for the centerlines, right-of-way (ROW), and access roads, with annotation, consistent with what is shown in the Preliminary Design Drawings for PPHTD's preferred alignment provided to OEA on September 2, 2025. If shapefiles or .kmz files are not available, please provide CAD files that we may use for conversion.
- IR1-2** Please provide shapefiles or .kmz files for any staging areas or laydown yards proposed along PPHTD's preferred and any alternative rail alignments.
- IR1-3** Please provide information about PPHTD's approach to securing right-of-entry for the parcels identified in **Attachment A** so that OEA can conduct appropriate field work.
- IRI-4** Please provide the design information for the first mile of new rail line and the crossing at the Venture Global, LLC property.

Construction/Design

- IR1-5** Please confirm whether all construction and potential ground disturbances would be confined to a 40- to 100-foot ROW for PPHTD's preferred alignment and any alternative rail line alignments.
- IR1-6** Please describe the general construction process for the proposed rail line, including the materials that would be used and the anticipated railbed width (in feet).
- IR1-7** Please provide the proposed construction timeline and hours of construction per day for the proposed rail line.
- IR1-8** Please provide road crossing designs, including what types of safety equipment, barriers, and signaling would be used.
- IR1-9** Please provide the number, location, and types of crossings of any other existing infrastructure or utilities (e.g., transmission lines) anticipated, if any.

Transportation/Traffic

- IR1-10** Please provide the maximum and average train operating speeds anticipated on the proposed rail line.
- IR1-11** Please provide the anticipated length and composition of trains that would operate on the proposed rail line.
- IR1-12** Please provide the anticipated truck traffic that may be required during construction of the proposed rail line (i.e., trucks per day for delivery of construction materials, etc.).
- IR1-13** Please provide the number of trains per day anticipated to operate on the proposed rail line and any anticipated increases in number of trains per day for future rail operations.

Please provide this information by **October 15, 2025** to avoid delays in the environmental review process. If information is not currently available, OEA requests that PPHTD provide a best estimate for purposes of the environmental analysis.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Assenza at adam.assenza@stb.gov.
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danielle Gosselin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Danielle" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gosselin".

Danielle Gosselin
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures:
Attachment A – Right-of-Entry Request



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Attachment A – Right-Of-Entry Request

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The below lists parcels and their associated property owner information within the Study Area where right-of-entry is requested for field work as part of OEA's environmental analysis.

Parcel ID	Primary Owner	Mailing Address
1601611	ALLIANCE RIVER PROPERTIES, LLC	PO BOX 97 BELLE CHASSE, LA 70037-0097
1176225	NOLA OIL TERMINAL, LLC	3400 HESSMER STREET, METAIRIE, LA 70002
1119300	IMT	PO BOX 4372 HOUSTON, TX 77210-4372
1269400	IMT	PO BOX 4372 HOUSTON, TX 77210
1172955	WOODLAND BORROW PITS LLC	1074A HWY 1 THIBODAUX, LA 70301
8337286	PLAQUEMINES LAND VENTURES LLC	1500 ARLINGTON, VA 22209
1616913	PLAQUEMINES LAND VENTURES LLC	1500 ARLINGTON, VA 22209
1172967	PLAQUEMINES LAND VENTURES LLC	1500 ARLINGTON, VA 22209
1614351	BOLSU PCF LLC	2106 LAWRENCE RD KEMAH, TX 77565