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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

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Ms. Jaya Zyman-Ponehshek
URS Corporation
P.O. Box 201088
Austin, TX 78720-1088

Re: TRACS #5464-SW Gulf Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Zyman-Ponehshek:

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

A review of the above-referenced project for General Conformity impact in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93 and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code § 101.30 indicates that the proposed action is located in Medina County, which is currently unclassified or in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Therefore, general conformity does not apply.

Although any demolition, construction, rehabilitation or repair project will produce dust and particulate emissions, these actions should pose no significant impact upon air quality standards. Any minimal dust and particulate emissions should be easily controlled by the construction contractors using standard dust mitigation techniques.

We recommend the environmental assessment address actions that will be taken to prevent surface and groundwater contamination.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Daniel Burke, Policy and Regulations Division, at (512) 239-1543.

Sincerely,


Jim Muse, Director
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