



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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January 31, 2011

Edmund Petry  
Metropolitan Transit Authority  
of Harris County, Texas  
P.O. Box 61429  
Houston, TX 77208-1429

SUBJECT: US 90A/Southwest Rail Corridor – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Request

Dear Mr. Petry:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has received your correspondence, dated January 19, 2011, regarding the information request. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, our agency is providing the following comments to assist you with the preparation of the draft EIS. Please see the enclosed documentation for more details.

- EPA regulated facilities are within study area
- wetlands may be within or near study area
- rare and/or sensitive habitats and/or vegetation complexes within study area
- schools are located within 1000 meters of study area
- study area is within an air quality non-attainment area
- minority and low-income populations are within study area

Please note that the proposed project may be subject to other federal, state, and local regulations. Thank you for your coordination and don't hesitate to contact John MacFarlane, of my staff, at 214-665-7491 or [macfarlane.john@epa.gov](mailto:macfarlane.john@epa.gov) should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Rhonda Smith  
Chief, Office of Planning and  
Coordination

Enclosure