



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 17, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

SUBJECT: Creole Trail Expansion Project, Beauregard and Cameron Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Ms. Bose,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Creole Trail Pipeline Expansion Project prepared by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC. In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas is providing the following comments.

Several sections mention that coordination was completed with the pertinent regulatory agency and letters of authorization and/or concurrence were received. The Final EA should include these letters in an appendix.

40 CFR §1508.7 states that cumulative impacts are those impacts “on the environment which result from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or persons undertake such actions.” EPA recommends that other, non-LNG related projects be included in the analysis.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this DEA and are available to discuss our comments. Please send a copy of the Final EA to 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 to my attention. 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 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith".

Rhonda Smith
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination