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Mr. Ed Pensock
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Subject: TransTexas Corridor-35 (TTC-35) Oklahoma to Mexico - Tier One Final EIS

Dear Mr. Pensock:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Tier One Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor 35 (TTC-35): Oklahoma-Mexico/Gulf Coast Element. The document is a program-level analysis of potential impact scenarios associated with the Reasonable Corridor Alternatives for identification of a potential preferred corridor. As such, the Tier One document is conceptual in nature and does not involve authorization of any construction, or acquisition of rights-of-way for the proposed project. EPA has rated the FEIS as **LO, Lack of Objections** based on the identification and selection of the No Action alternative as the FEIS preferred alternative. Our classification will be published on the EPA website, www.epa.gov.

Thank you for providing us with the Tier One FEIS for review. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Dr. Sharon L. Osowski at (214) 665-7506 or by email at osowski.sharon@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Gilmore".

Cathy Gilmore
Chief, Office of Planning and Coordination

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