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I'll bring it up at the NEPA cross-division meeting on Thursday.
John, do we want to add this project to the ESC?

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Yes, this project is new to me and it is a significant action. We are planning to comment on the DEIS. I don't remember any pre-application meetings in the past. I wonder if EPA is having meetings or site visits with the sponsors? Wetlands should be involved and I will be the lead contact.

Thanks,
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Jim...can you get this link? http://cameroncountyrma.org/SPI2ndAccess/index.asp?p=DEIS
what's "Space X?"

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I cannot access those documents but I will need to comment on this DEIS. I wonder if John could send me those documents or a link? Is this road improvement project necessitated by the proposed Space X project?

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John, I would say we probably have nothing on this yet. Doesn't look like they have started the 404 application process. The DEIS notes that..."The USACE permit application *would be*requested under Section 404..."

goes on to say..."Following approval of the draft environmental impact statement and the public hearing, the final
environmental impact statement and permitting process would begin. The recommended preferred alternative would be delineated for wetlands and other waters of the U.S. and the appropriate permit would be prepared and submitted to the USACE. The permit application would include a description of all proposed impacts to wetlands and waters of the U.S. within the proposed ROW and a proposed mitigation plan."
Also says the Corps is a "cooperating agency."

(cc'ing Jim H. - have you seen anything on this highway project? big wetland impacts)

"Potential wetlands and other waters of the U.S. occur in various sizes within the proposed 2nd Access Project study area. Most obvious features are associated with the Laguna Madre. All 11 build alternatives would potentially result in impacts to wetlands. ***Potential impacts range from a minimum of 129.81 acres (Alternative 10) to a maximum of 243.68 acres (Alternative 9). Alternative 6 (the recommended alternative) would impact 139.14 acres of wetlands.*** Because the location of staging areas,borrow areas, placement areas, and other Project Specific Locations will be determined by the

contractor, the contractor would be responsible for any required permitting."

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Barbara,

If either EC or EM has received any information, letters, or 404 related materials from the Corps, or has had any coordination on this project whatsoever, please let me know.

Thank you,
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All 4 volumes can be found on the shared drive:

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REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATE REVIEW AND COMMENT PURSUANT TO RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECTION 309 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ON THE SUBJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) for the South Padre Island Second Access Project, State Highway 100, Across the Laguna Madre, To Park Road 100, Construction of a new Location Highway Facility, USACE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Cameron County, TX

The subject DEIS has been forwarded for you and/or designated staff to review and to provide comments in your areas of jurisdiction and expertise as required by Section 309 of the Clean Air Act pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. To accommodate the established review schedule, we are requesting comments by ***COB Friday, July 13 2012*** . We have attached an internet link to the DEIS below. Please call me at the number listed below or e-mail me for assistance. Please note at this time, only Volumes I and II can be downloaded.

http://cameroncountyrma.org/SPI2ndAccess/index.asp?p=DEIS

If review of this document cannot be completed due to resource limitations, please e-mail me or Rhonda Smith as soon as possible.

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