

JD
Salinas III
Hidalgo County Judge

October 28, 2007

Carlos Lopez, Director
Texas Department of Transportation
Traffic Operations Division
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Enclosed are eight (8) signed copies of a non-radioactive hazardous material route designation proposal for Hidalgo County, Texas.

Each copy includes a color map of the proposed routes. The proposal is in the form of a report prepared for the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization by Chemical Response & Remediation Contractors, Inc., titled, "Hidalgo County Freight and Hazardous Material Movement Study." The report addresses the federal standards listed in 49 CFR §397, Subpart C, and with the Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Chapter 25, Subchapter F, Rule §25.103.

The report adheres to the process outlined in "Highway Routing of Hazardous Materials: Guidelines for Applying Criteria," U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Publication No. FHWA-HI-97-003, November 1996. The report consists of an overview of the study area, research and methodology, existing non-radioactive hazardous material routes, alternative routes, risk assessment, through routing criteria, additional analysis, public involvement, and conclusions.

We will appreciate receiving prompt notification of the status of this proposal to designate non-radioactive hazardous material routes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

J.D. Salinas, III
Hidalgo County Judge

cc: Amadeo Saenz, Jr.
TXDOT Executive Director

