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## Press Release

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### **Surface Transportation Board and US Army Corps of Engineers publish Draft Environmental Assessment for Camp Hall Rail project**

*Public will have 30 days to comment on the draft environmental document for the proposed rail line in Berkeley County, SC*

**Charleston, SC** – The Surface Transportation Board (STB) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced that the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Camp Hall Rail project in Berkeley County has been published for public comment. At this time, the public has the opportunity to review and provide input on the draft environmental document, which will be considered by the STB and USACE before a final decision is made on the project.

The draft EA addresses environmental issues and assesses the preferred alternative alignment for the Camp Hall Rail project. It can be viewed on the project website ([www.camphallrailnepa.com](http://www.camphallrailnepa.com)).

Palmetto Railways will operate the Camp Hall Rail line, which will serve Camp Hall Commerce Park and its anchor tenant, Volvo Cars. The final permit from STB and the Corps will provide Palmetto Railways with regulatory approval to build and operate an industrial rail line between Santee Cooper's Cross Generating Station and the Camp Hall Commerce Park.

“Palmetto Railways has been working closely with members of the community, local and regional stakeholders, and agencies to identify the best possible rail route that will be least impactful on the community and natural environment. We are looking forward to reaching this milestone in the project, which will support the thriving economy of Berkeley County and the state of South Carolina,” said Jeff McWhorter, Palmetto Railways President and CEO.

Palmetto Railways is committed to collaborating with the USACE and STB, Berkeley County, state and federal officials, landowners, local residents and other stakeholders to ensure that the community and surrounding areas are included in the project process. The alignment alternatives that have been considered and the preferred alignment can be viewed online at the Palmetto Railways project website at [www.CampHallRail.com](http://www.CampHallRail.com).

#### **About Palmetto Railways**

Palmetto Railways, a division of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, is a Class III short line railroad that supports South Carolina's economic development efforts through technical assistance and consulting services in railroad matters to state, local and municipal governments. Established in 1969 as a state-owned and operated enterprise agency, Palmetto Railways provides general railroad services including rail car handling, repair and maintenance.

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