Recovery, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on September 1, 2026, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal *https://lending.sba.gov* or in person at other locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at *disastercustomerservice@sba.gov* or by phone at 1–800–659–2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Area (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Oglala Sioux Tribe.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

South Dakota: Bennett, Custer, Fall River, Jackson, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, Todd.

Nebraska: Cherry, Dawes, Sheridan.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---|
| *For Physical Damage:* | |
| Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere | 5.750 |
| Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.875 |
| Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.625 |
| Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.625 |
| *For Economic Injury:* | |
| Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.625 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21849B and for economic injury is 218500.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b).)

**James Stallings,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**[Docket No. FD 36955]**

### 5E SVM Railway Company, LLC—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Assets of Trona Railway Company LLC

5E SVM Railway Company, LLC (SVMR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate a rail line owned by Trona Railway Company LLC, Debtor (TRC), extending from milepost 0.0 at Searles Junction, Cal., to the end of the line at milepost 30.6 in Trona, Cal., a distance of approximately 30.6 miles (the Line).

According to the verified notice, SVMR's parent, 5E SVM, LLC (5E SVM), entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with TRC and TRC's parent company, Searles Valley Minerals Inc. (SVM), to acquire the assets of TRC. The verified notice indicates that SVMR will operate and provide rail common carrier service on the Line. SVMR has concurrently filed a petition for waiver of the 30-day effectiveness period specified under 49 CFR 1150.32(b) to allow the exemption to become effective immediately.[1]

SVMR certifies that the proposed acquisition of the Line does not involve any provision or agreement that would limit future interchange with a third-party connecting carrier. SVMR further certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction are not expected to exceed $5 million and will not result in the creation of a Class II or Class I rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36955, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on SVMR's representative, Thomas J. Litwiler, Fletcher & Sippel LLC, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606–3208.

According to SVMR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at *www.stb.gov.*

Decided: September 22, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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[1] The petition for waiver will be addressed in a separate decision.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**[Docket No. NHTSA–2026–2080]**

### Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition, DP26–003

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Denial of a Petition to open a defect investigation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the reasons for denying a Petition DP26–003 submitted on February 5, 2026 by Mr. James A. Palmer to NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), under 49 U.S.C. 30162 and 49 CFR part 552. The Petitioner requested that the Agency initiate a safety defect investigation into model year (MY) 2006 Nissan Frontier vehicles for alleged fuel system leaks and engine stalling. ODI has determined that the issues raised in the Petition are not likely to result in a finding that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists. This determination is based on a technical review by ODI of available information, which included: consumer complaints submitted by the petitioner; consumer complaint information in the Agency's databases; and other relevant information in possession of the Agency. As a result, further investigation of the issues raised by the Petition is not warranted and the Agency, accordingly, has denied the Petition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Miller, Vehicle Defect Division B, Office of Defects Investigation, NHTSA 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–873–5019. Email: *kevin.miller1@dot.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### 1. Introduction

Any interested person may petition NHTSA to request that the Agency initiate an investigation to determine