## **Transportation Technology Center - Pueblo County, Colorado EA**

A programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) has been developed that evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on the human and natural environment resulting from the continued and future operation of the Transportation Technology Center (TTC).

The TTC property is located on a 33,280-acre site located northeast of the City of Pueblo, CO. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) leased the site for 200-year from the state of Colorado. The buildings and facilities are owned by FRA and currently operated by Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI). The site includes more than 50 miles of railroad track, 14 buildings, substations, communication systems, interior roadways, an electrical power grid, water and sanitation systems, solid and hazardous waste management systems, and fuel storage areas.

Since the 1970s, TTC has been the site of transportation research and testing to serve the railroad industry. Currently, TTCl conducts tests for all categories of freight and passenger rolling stock, vehicle and track components, and safety.

TTC is also home to the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC), a business unit of TTCI. SERTC is designated by the Department of Homeland Security as a member of its National Domestic Preparedness Consortium to specialize in developing and providing training related to surface transportation. SERTC is also designated by the State of Colorado as the Colorado State Training Center for Domestic Preparedness.

TTCI would be responsible for implementation of any minimization or best management practices identified in this EA.

The Environmental Assessment was issued by the FRA on November 16, 2015.

Based on the analysis in the Programmatic EA, FRA found that the continued and future operation of the TTC would have no foreseeable significant impact on the quality of the human or natural environment.

The FRA is accepting comments on the EA through January 6, 2016. Please email them directly to <a href="mailto:andrea.martin@dot.gov">andrea.martin@dot.gov</a>