

# Creating and Managing Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Projects

A RULIS Job Aid

**Roles Impacted** 

**SUE Provider** 

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## Introduction

This job aid provides step-by-step instructions for SUE Providers on how to submit their Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) deliverables within the RULIS system. It outlines the required actions to ensure accurate and timely submission of expected deliverables. The guidance is designed to promote consistency and compliance while ensuring effective coordination with the TxDOT Project Manager, whose involvement is essential for successful project execution and timely deliverable review.

#### **Process Overview**

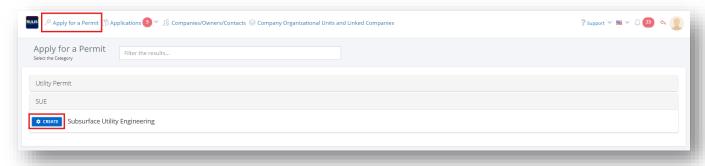
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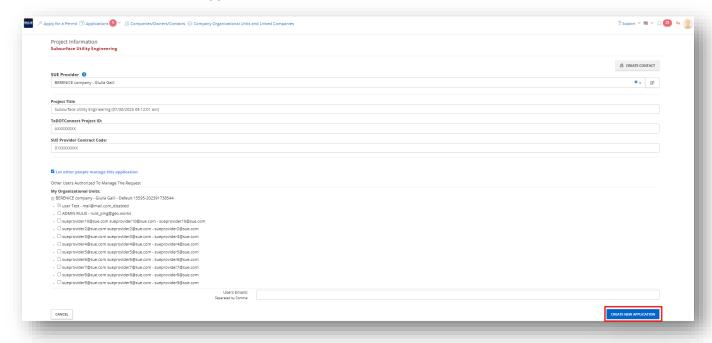
#### **Create SUE Project**

To begin a SUE project, you'll need the TxDOTCONNECT Project ID and Contract Code. Both fields are required. Once entered, the system automatically validates both to confirm the SUE project is associated with an active TxDOT contract and TxDOTCONNECT Project. Please allow a moment for these validations to be completed during initial setup.

1. From the RULIS homepage, select **Apply for a Permit** and **SUE**, then select **Create** next to **Subsurface Utility Engineering**.



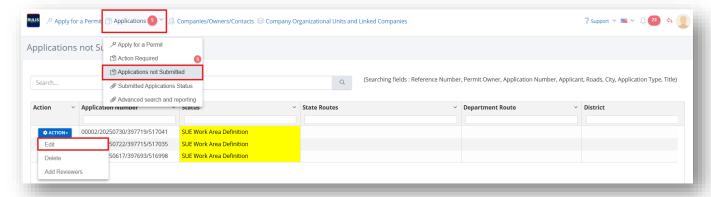
- 2. Enter all Project Information.
  - a. Select the SUE Provider from the dropdown. This dropdown is related to Organizational Units.
  - b. Update the Project Title, if desired.
  - c. Enter the TxDOTCONNECT Project ID (required).
  - d. Enter the SUE Provider Contract Code (required).
  - e. Select other members of the Organizational Unit that can manage the SUE project.
  - f. Select Create New Application.



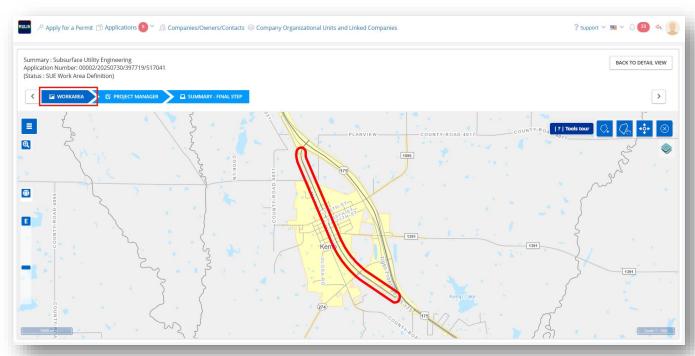




**Note:** After this step, the SUE project has been successfully created. If you are not prepared to enter additional project details or download existing utility data, you can log out of RULIS and come back at any time. Until the preliminary submittal to TxDOT, this project can be accessed from **Applications not Submitted**. To continue working on the project, select **Edit** from the **Action** dropdown menu.

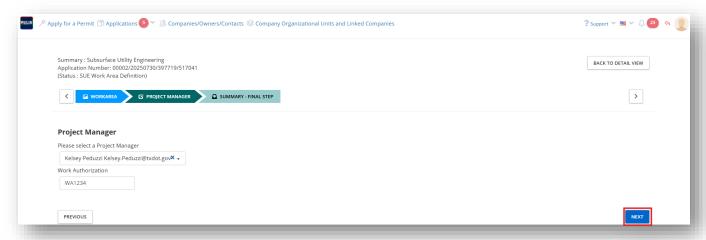


3. Navigate to the Work Area tab to verify the project boundaries imported accurately from TxDOTCONNECT.

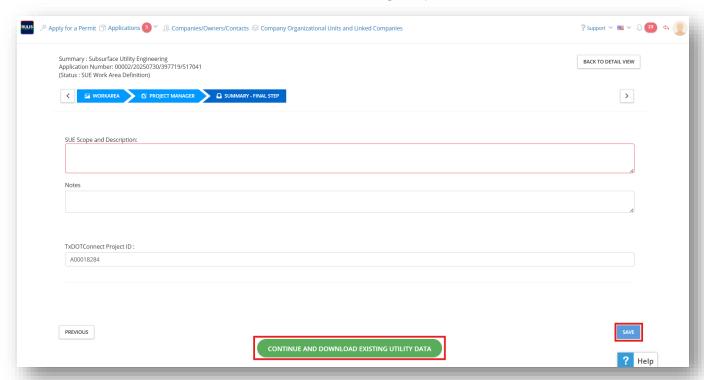




4. Navigate to the **Project Manager** tab to select the **TxDOT Project Manager** from the dropdown menu, enter the **Work Authorization** related to the SUE deliverable, and select **Next**.

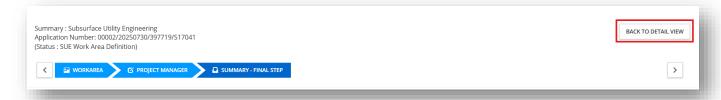


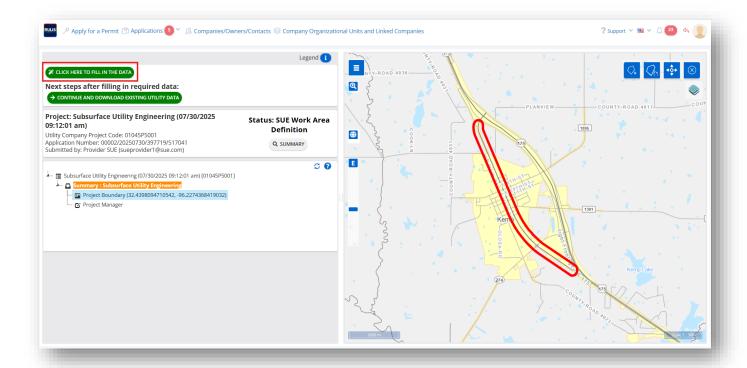
5. On the Summary – Final Step tab, enter the SUE Scope and Description (required) and any additional Notes and select Save and Continue and Download Existing Utility Data.





Note: Navigate between the wizard and detail view by selecting Back to Detail View or Click Here to Fill in the Data.





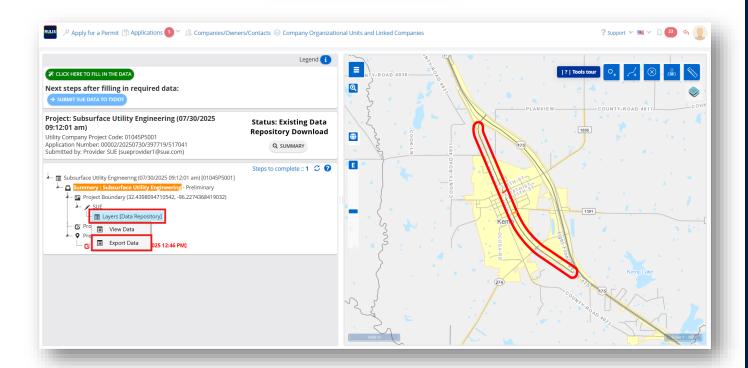


## **Download Existing Utility Data**

Once a valid SUE Provider Contract Code is entered on the project and the required project details are entered, the SUE Provider gains access to existing utility data stored in the RULIS repository. This section outlines the steps to download that data for use in Subsurface Utility Engineering deliverables.

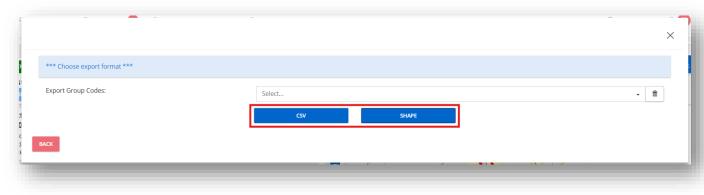
1. To download existing data, right click on Layers [Data Repository] and select Export Data.







2. Choose your preferred export format—CSV or Shape. The file will begin downloading automatically, and notifications will appear in the upper right corner of the screen to indicate the export is in progress and when it has completed.





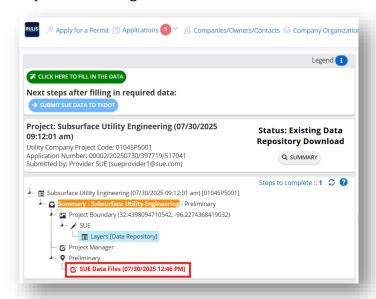




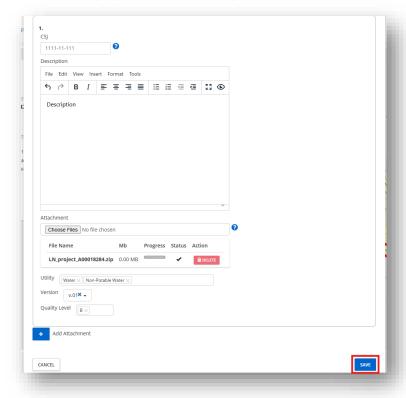
## **Preliminary Submittal**

This section outlines the steps required to send a Preliminary SUE Submittal to TxDOT for review.

1. Upload SUE Data Files by double clicking the red node on the tree.

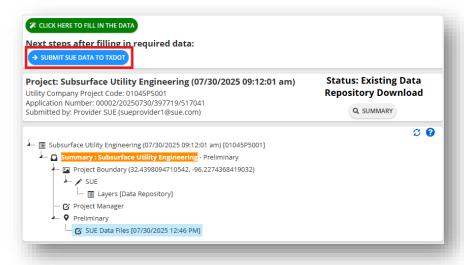


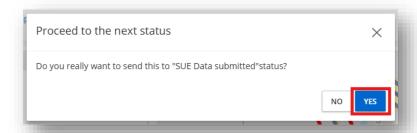
2. Enter the CSJ, Description, Utility Type, Version, Quality Level, add Attachments, and select Save.





- 3. Select Submit SUE Data to TxDOT and Yes.
  - a. After submittal, there is no further action until after the TxDOT SUE Coordinator reviews the preliminary SUE deliverable.





NOTE: Accepted file types include shapefile (zip), csv, dgn, kmz, dwg, pdf, and images. GIS files must be georeferenced in:

- b. NAD83(2011) / Texas North (ftUS) EPSG:6582
- c. NAD83(2011) / Texas North Central (ftUS) EPSG:6584
- d. NAD83(2011) / Texas South (ftUS) EPSG:6586
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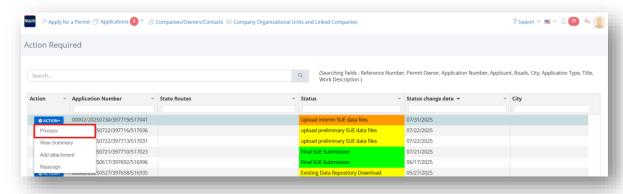
For additional guidance on GIS files and projections features in RULIS, see existing resources on TxDOT.gov.

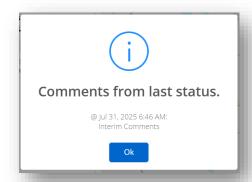


#### **Interim Submittal**

This section provides step-by-step guidance for SUE Providers on how to respond to an Interim Submittal or modification request initiated by the TxDOT SUE Coordinator within RULIS. It outlines the actions required to review the request, make necessary updates, and resubmit the deliverable to ensure continued progress in the SUE workflow.

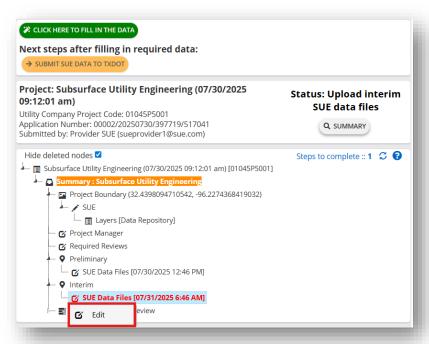
1. From the **Action Required** screen, select **Process** from the **Action** dropdown menu next to the submittal that is in a status of **Upload Interim SUE Data Files**. When your project opens, any comments entered by the SUE Coordinator will appear in a box at the center of the page. Press **Ok** to proceed.



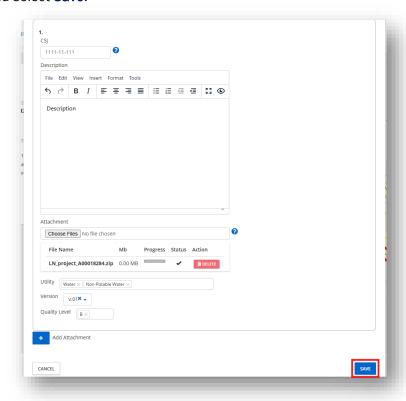




2. Right click on the red node under Interim on the tree labeled SUE Data Files and select Edit.

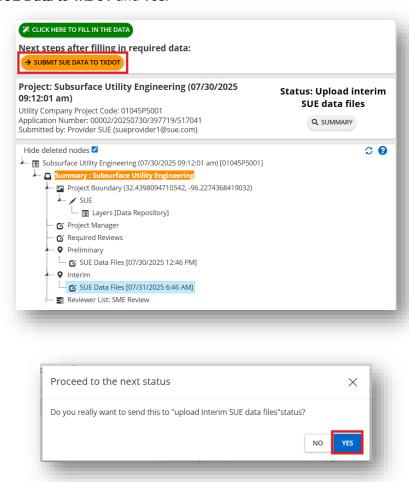


3. At this point, files from the preliminary submittal can be updated or new attachments can be submitted to respond to the modification requested by the TxDOT SUE Coordinator. Use the + next to Add Attachment to upload a new file submission. Enter the CSJ, Description, Utility Type, Version, Quality Level, add Attachments, and select Save.

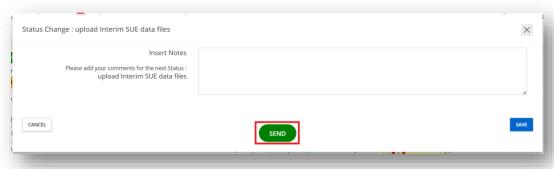




4. Select Submit SUE Data to TxDOT and Yes.



5. **Insert Notes** for the SUE Coordinator to review and select **Send**. The SUE project will update to a status of **SUE Data TxDOT Review** and can be found on the **Submitted Applications Status** page.

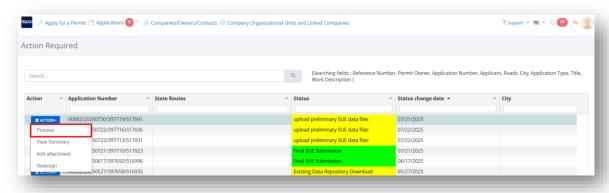


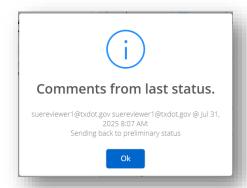


#### **Propose Final Submission**

This section outlines the steps for a SUE Provider to request to submit the final version of their SUE deliverable within RULIS. By following these steps, the SUE Provider can notify the TxDOT SUE Coordinator that they are ready to submit their final deliverable.

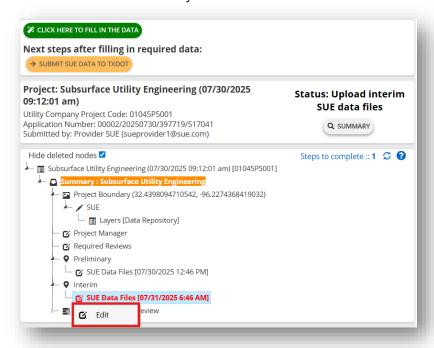
1. From the **Action Required** screen, select **Process** from the **Action** dropdown menu next to the submittal. In this scenario, the SUE Coordinator returned the SUE project to preliminary status so the SUE Provider can upload any other outstanding deliverables, if necessary. When your project opens, any comments entered by the SUE Coordinator will appear in a box at the center of the page. Press **Ok** to proceed.



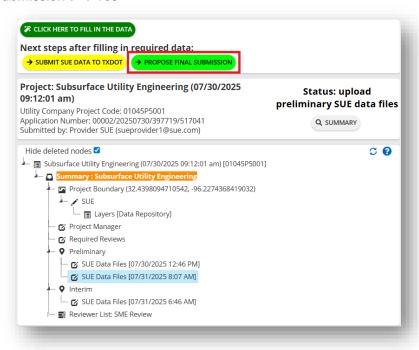


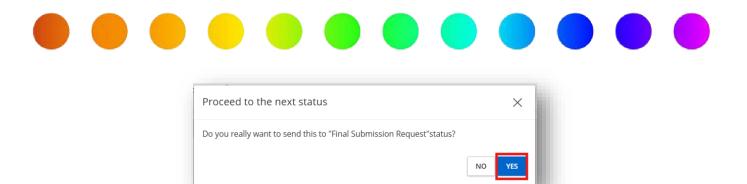


2. Right click on the red node under Preliminary on the tree labeled SUE Data Files and select Edit.



3. At this point, files from all previous submittals can be updated or new attachments can be submitted to the TxDOT SUE Coordinator. If no additional preliminary deliverables are necessary and the SUE Provider is prepared to submit their final deliverable, press Save on the SUE Data Files screen and then select Propose Final Submission and Yes.





4. **Insert Notes** explaining to the SUE Coordinator that the SUE Provider is prepared to submit their final deliverable to TxDOT and select **Send**. The SUE project status will update to **Final Submission Request** and can be found on the **Submitted Applications Status** page.

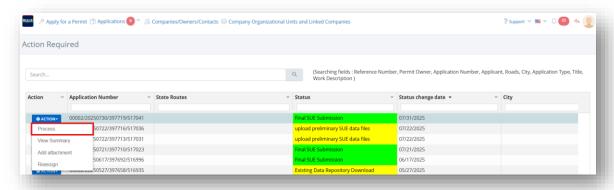


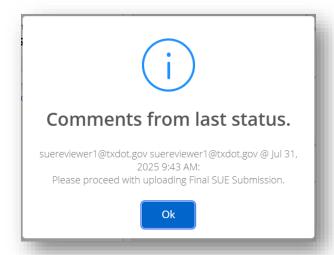


#### **Final Submittal**

This section outlines the steps for a SUE Provider to submit the final version of their SUE project within RULIS. These instructions ensure the deliverable is properly uploaded and routed to the TxDOT SUE Coordinator for final review and project completion.

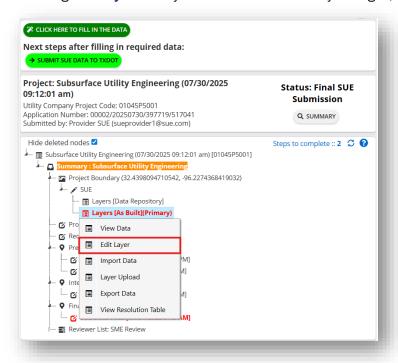
1. From the **Action Required** screen, select **Process** from the **Action** dropdown menu next to the submittal that is in a status of **Final SUE Submission**. When your project opens, any comments entered by the SUE Coordinator will appear in a box at the center of the page. Press **Ok** to proceed.

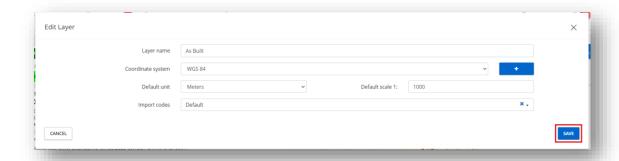






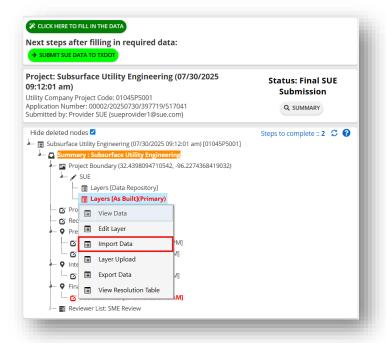
2. Change the projection to match that of the Shapefile by right clicking on the red node titled **Layers [As-Built](Primary)** and selecting **Edit Layer**. After you have made necessary changes, select **Save**.



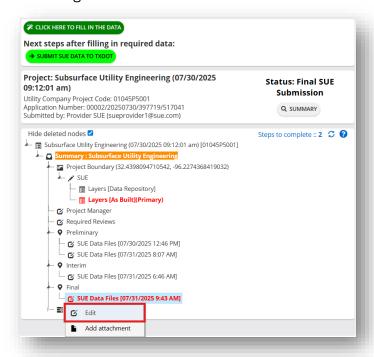




- 3. Upload final SUE data files and shapefiles.
  - a. Shapefiles can be uploaded from the Layers [As-Built](Primary) node by selecting Import Data.

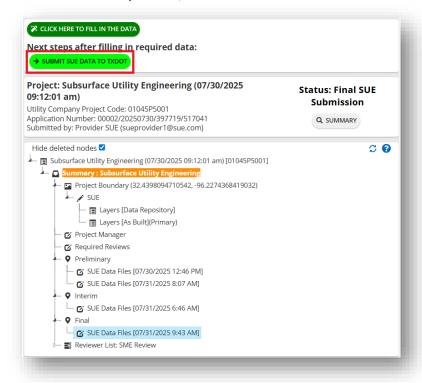


b. CADD files can be uploaded by right clicking on the red node under Final on the tree labeled **SUE**Data Files and selecting Edit.





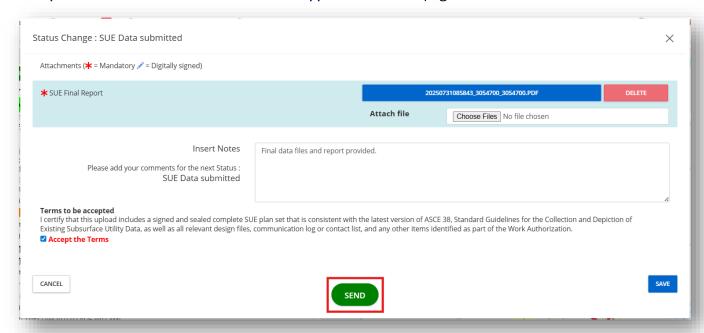
4. After final deliverables have been uploaded, select Submit SUE Data to TxDOT and Yes.







5. Attach the SUE Final Report, Insert Notes for the SUE Coordinator to review, review and Accept the Terms, and select Send. The SUE project will update to the status of SUE Data Submitted and then SUE Final Report and can be found on the Submitted Applications Status page.

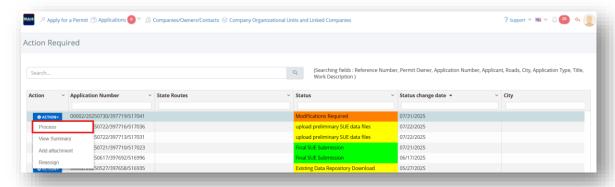




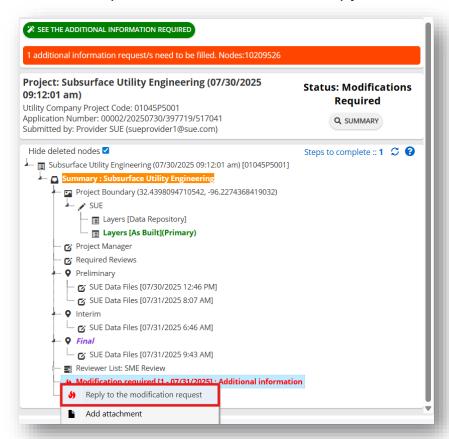
## **Respond to Additional Information Request**

This section outlines the steps for a SUE Provider to respond to a request for additional information from the TxDOT SUE Coordinator within RULIS. These instructions guide the Provider through reviewing the request, making any necessary updates, and submitting the required information to keep the project moving forward.

1. From the **Action Required** screen, select **Process** from the **Action** dropdown menu next to the submittal that is in a status of **Modifications Required**.

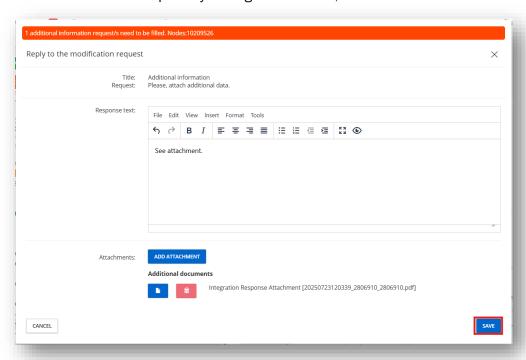


2. Open the red Modification Required node on the tree and select Reply to Modification Required.

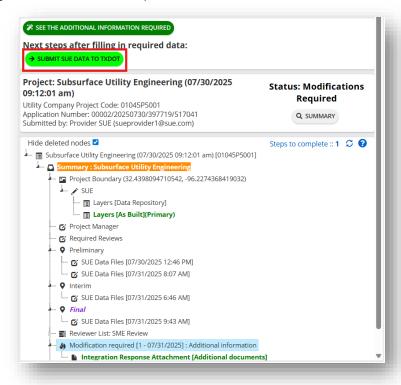


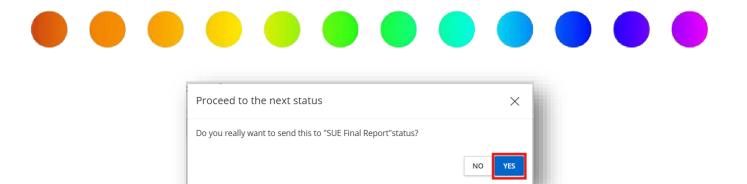


3. Respond to the modification request by adding text and files, then select Save.



4. After responding to the modification request, select Submit Data to TxDOT and Yes.





5. Accept the Terms and select Send. The SUE project will update to the status of SUE Final Report and can be found on the Submitted Applications Status page.

