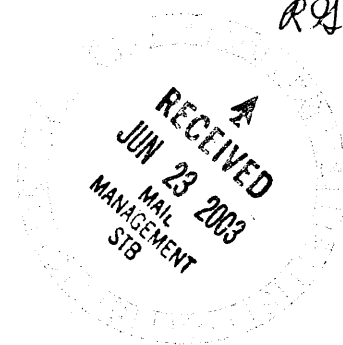




Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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- ☒ Other, please specify *2 line 2 1/2 miles due east of the quarry-*

- It has been said that they will wet the gravel at the loading area. Will this water drain out of the hopper on the way to Denney? Will it be drained at the quarry? Will this water be chemical free? Will it be pooled and treated there or allow it to seep into the aquifer and contaminate our drinking water? How long will it take for the wet gravel to dry and start flowing? Noise is another concern: loading and train noise - ~~which is~~ we live about 20 minutes, if we drive (not) from Hondo and the Medina County hospital. In an emergency, either health or fire, how much longer would it take if we were caught at the railroad crossing.

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Thank you for your comments.

