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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh,
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

received
1/29/07

Re: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co./Southwest Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

This letter is in response to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We are definitely not in favor of having a railroad come through our community. We purchased our property with the idea of raising our children in a peaceful, country environment. The ALT 1 route would come through our property - this would negatively impact our way of life.

We are also concerned about any flooding this railroad could cause. We have been flooded in numerous times, without the railroad. Just imagine what it will be like with the railroad.

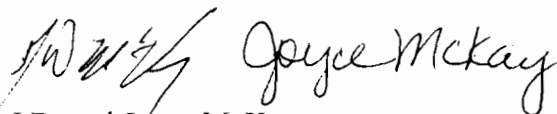
This railroad in no way serves anyone - it will serve to make lots of money for Vulcan Materials. We believe it will not benefit this community, and that it will create a hazardous environment for anyone living in the Quihi area. Granting approval for a railroad that will travel in any direction from this quarry will only open the door for persons to have their homes and property taken from them and everyone in the area will face property devaluation.

There is no amount of compensation that can right the wrong that will be done by granting approval of this railroad. Please research any information that is being provided to you - don't base your decision just on what Vulcan Materials is saying. Vulcan Materials and the people who have been paid monies by Vulcan Materials are the only ones to profit from this railroad.

Please take time to consider the amount of damage you could cause the landowners and homeowners of the Quihi area and consider how you would feel if this was happening to your family.

Should the worst happen, we the people who live in Quihi, believe overpasses over the roads that the railroad crosses should be required. This would be for the safety of everyone, especially our children who ride the school bus to and from school. The loss of one life should not be negotiable. The overpasses should be required as part of the conditions of giving the permit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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