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

received 1/29/07

Re: Finance Docket #34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

I, again, am writing with my plea for the consideration of the STB regarding our concerns related to the proposed Vulcan Materials quarry in Quihi, Medina County, Texas.

This project, should it come to being, will create hardship and many problems for many people while only FIVE families and one Fortune Five Hundred Corporation will reap huge fortune.

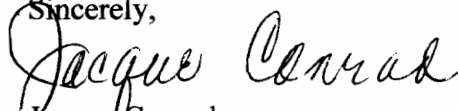
As this project moves forward, Vulcan Materials is attempting to obtain a permit for its' railroad--- Southwest Gulf Railroad. There are several routes proposed and being considered for this project. These routes will mean irreparable harm to this fragile area of Texas. Vulcan Material's preferred route takes the railroad directly through the Quihi area, taking control of land through Eminent Domain and dividing land that has been owned by the same families for over 100 years. This area has been placed on Texas's list of Endangered Areas. Eminent Domain should not be allowed as there is no conceivable way this railroad would be a "common carrier". It would be established and used ONLY by Vulcan Materials--- one operation would not exist without the other.

Secondly, there is the threat to our safety on the roads of rural Medina County. Should Vulcan decide to "truck" this product, it would again greatly increase our traffic and safety issues. The roads in this area are not paved and many are in deplorable condition. What do you think all this truck traffic would do to this area? If the permit for the railroad is obtained, there are presently only grade level crossings planned. These crossings will be a definite hazard to traffic. One would wonder, just how long before a terrible accident would occur and result in possible deaths. Is this the time to consider doing it the right way? Should they consider one of these routes, it should be demanded that all the crossings be elevated.

Again, I feel, **"this is not the place for a quarry and/or a railroad."**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Jacques Conrad
Medina County Land Owner