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Rini Gosh,
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K St. NW
Washington DC 20423-0001

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

Dear Ms Gosh,

I am very concerned with the impact the proposed quarry will have on our home in Ouhki. We have two wells on 80 acres and are worried that quarry operations will affect our wells and the quality of our water.

The proposed quarry location is at the base of an 18,000 acre watershed. Either that water potential will flood them out of business or they may block drainage that would naturally flow through their area.

The water that floods the area doesn't come often but when it does, it can be absolutely overwhelming and probably more than they ever anticipated. The rock strata they seek to exploit is not unique to our area. The project should be located in a less populated area with less environmental damage potential.

If they do pursue this location,

they must take precautions to minimize damage to the area.

They should build in such a way as to not exasperate flooding in the area.

They should put overpasses over all roads that the railroad crosses. Their permit should be dependant on this agreement.

Fuel storage and maintenance should not be set up in the Elm creek floodplain.

Flooding could cause terrible environmental damage and that must be prevented.

We bought our home in the country over thirty years ago so that we could enjoy the place, solitude, wildlife and fresh air that was so much a part of this area.

Vulcan threatens to ruin our home. If they must build, please enforce restrictions on the project that will protect our home.

If the rail line must go through, let it be far to the east and out of the floodplain.

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