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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
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Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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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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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.
- ☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.
- ☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property
- ☐ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

noise from whistles, train rumbling (our aquifer well will be jeopardized due to earth tremors - crossings will be blocked too often & too long - limestone powder is bad for lungs)

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

We spent our life savings to move out here - away from pollution, traffic & noise. My former home was between 2 rail roads - one a mile away & one 5 mi away. In 9 yrs. I never had a good night's sleep due to train horns, rumbling, etc. Also intolerable delays in traffic at crossings. We chose this area for its quiet, its aquifer water, & to escape pollution as I have that severe lung problem. Limestone powder is a known carcinogen - (even stated on bags of chips you buy for landscaping.) We put everything into this house & land & hoped to leave it as a legacy for our children. Land value will decrease dramatically for country living aspect - I see this RR violating our friends' land rights by using "imminent domains" & if they allow other companies to ship via this RR, it will make life out here so unpleasant w/ the heavy rail traffic.

Thank you for your comments.

S.A. depends on this aquifer for its water -