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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Southwest Gulf Railroad
Vulcan Construction Materials
Medina County Environmental Action Association Route

I believe that the MCEAA proposed route for the Vulcan Quarry in Medina County is nothing but a selfish route to dump their trash in other Medina County resident's backyard. There is nothing more historical about Quihi than the land around the eastern route. I believe the MCEAA route was only approved by its inner core of directors, not by the general membership. The MCEAA route covers approximately five (5) more miles of Medina County and will affect more residences than Vulcan's original route. The MCEAA route also cuts across FM2676 and CR265 within an approximately ½ (.5) mile distance. The MCEAA route also is a vendetta against the Wurzbach family because they leased a portion of their land to Vulcan. The MCEAA route goes right over the Wurzbach's land near their house at FM2676. The MCEAA should not be named Medina County because it only represents a very small number of Medina County residences with a very narrow minded goal that is to keep the railroad out of Quihi and only Quihi. If anyone gains from this quarry, it will be Quihi and Hondo.

There are many subdivisions and a large number of families who depend on these two roads for emergency care and their jobs in San Antonio and schools in Hondo, Texas. With the SGR crossing within .5 miles on both roads, this would create a disaster in many ways for more families than if this train went through Quihi. Being behind this long, slow moving train twice within .5 miles is not only selfish but criminal because it blocks a large number of Medina County residents from emergency care, for example: snake bites, hunting accidents, heart failure, etc., just to satisfy a few of the residents still alive in Quihi and the dead (cemeteries). A train route that covers approximately five (5) more miles with the crossings at both FM2676 and CR265 could not be more environmentally sound or safe when it affects more of the existing residents than Vulcan's proposal.

If you are wondering, I am also against the Quarry completely and I do not work for Vulcan. I have a ranch on CR 265 that is a neighbor of the proposed quarry and I hate that Vulcan is pushing this down our throats. However, the MCEAA route is more selfish and harmful than the Vulcan Quarry itself. Before you approve any route, you should really check how many people live up CR265 and will be affected by this. You will be surprised. The Eastern Routes are totally out of line and without merit.

If you would like to contact me to discuss further, I can be reached at 210-912-0333. Loren D. Bane