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December 8, 2004

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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Case#: 2028573

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed please find correspondence from my constituent, Dr. Robert Fitzgerald, President of the Medina County Environmental Action Association (MCEAA) of Quihi, Texas. The MCEAA's membership is requesting an extension of 60 - 90 days to the Surface Transportation Board's public comment period for the Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's proposed rail line construction in Medina County, Texas.

Please review this matter and respond to me at my San Antonio district office. My District Constituent Liaison, Gabriel Lozano, will work with me on this case and can be contacted at the number listed below if you require assistance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Henry Bonilla
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

PLEASE REPLY TO:

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December 8, 2004

Congressman Henry Bonilla
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Re: Proposed Quarry and Rail Line – Medina County
Vulcan Materials Co/Southwest Gulf Railroad
Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket 34284

Dear Congressman Bonilla:

We respectfully request your assistance in obtaining a 60 or 90 day extension to the comment period on the DEIS presented by the STB to the people of Medina County. This comment period is presently scheduled to expire on January 10, 2005.

We have stated the reasons for this request in the accompanying letter to the STB.

Please submit our letter for the extension to the Surface Transportation Board on our behalf. Again, we want to thank you for the hard work you do for the people in Medina County.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bob Fitzgerald

Dr. Bob Fitzgerald, President
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December 8, 2004

Victoria Rutson
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Vulcan Materials/Southwest Gulf Railroad
Medina County Project
Finance Docket 34284

Dear Ms. Rutson:

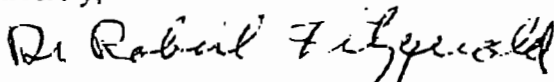
We are requesting a 60 or 90 day extension of the comment period on the DEIS of the above project. This comment period is presently scheduled to expire January 10, 2005.

We know you realize that everyone is busy with holiday plans, travel, entertaining, shopping, guests, etc., at this time. This is the busiest time of the year for everyone. Holiday activities alone exclude almost any other endeavor. Therefore, it is much more difficult for many people to respond before January 10. It is a great injustice to require all those concerned to respond during the limited time they have between now and January 10 on a proposed project that will impact Medina County for generations.

Prior to the meeting on December 2, 2004, we requested to not have that public meeting and 30-day comment period during the busy holiday season, but our request was acknowledged. In view of the above and STB's refusal to hold workshops for the public, we request the comment period be extended for 60 or 90 days.

We are seeking the assistance of Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Henry Bonilla in securing this extension. We anticipate that they will contact you in this regard.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
MCEAA, Inc.

CC: Senator John Cornyn
Representative Henry Bonilla
State Senator Frank Madla
State Representative Tracy King
Will Carter, BMA

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