

January 14, 2007

Surface Trans. Board
Ms. Rini Ghosh, Section of Env. Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Finance Pocket # 34284
Vulcan Materials Co./Southwest Gulf Rail

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

We have lived in Quiri for 7 years and recently purchased our house and property. Our intent is to live here in peace and quiet until our natural death.

Since the day we moved here we have been opposed to the U.S. Government granting permission to Vulcan Co. to build and operate a railroad in our community. I do not understand why a private business should be allowed to condemn property of other private citizens solely for the profit and gain of said private business (Vulcan Co.). In fact, I believe such permission and action is in violation of individual rights granted to U.S. citizens by the United States Constitution.

Regardless of what route through Medina County would be used, I believe this Southwest Gulf Rail line would be illegal and detrimental to the citizens of Medina County and Texas.

Sincerely, Steve Lapp

Steve Lapp
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