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Re: Proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad, Medina County Texas  
U S Surface Transportation Board FD 34284

Please be advised that Vulcan has circulated the enclosed letter to the community regarding SGR FD 34284 outlining several proposed changes.

MCEAA hereby requests that the applicable environmental analysis and/or assessment(s) performed by your agency be reopened and supplemented based on the changes identified in the Vulcan letter.

Sincerely,

*Robert Fitzgerald*

Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President  
Medina County Environmental Action Association

Encl. : Letter from Vulcan Materials Company dated August 31, 2016



August 31, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. My name is Chris Havelka, the area manager with responsibility for the Vulcan Materials Company Medina Quarry. I'm writing to provide you with an update on the quarry project and the major investment we plan to make at the facility, which will create good-paying jobs, generate tax revenue and serve as a catalyst for economic opportunity throughout the region.

Recently, we had a unique opportunity to improve the design of the Medina Quarry and build upon on our commitment to operating it in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. We acquired property directly to the east of the quarry, away from significant floodplain and water sensitive areas.

The enhancements to the quarry coincide with the development of Southwest Gulf Railroad's (SGRR) Medina Line, the 9-mile common carrier rail line that will transport product from the Medina Quarry to the existing Union Pacific Railroad Line near Highway 90.

We have filed our plan with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The new property allows for the relocation of the quarry's production, loading and support facilities. It also enables SGRR to relocate the northern rail loop of The Medina Line to the east. The size and location of the quarry mining area remain the same.

Our facility continues to meet or exceed regulations established by federal, state and local agencies and regulatory bodies. The Medina Quarry also will preserve 500 acres of buffer zone, natural landscape and wildlife habitat areas. It also: maintains buffers to screen the facility and will recycle water used on site; utilizes state-of-the-art dust control measures; and transports product primarily by rail, significantly reducing 18-wheeler truck traffic.

If you have any questions about the project, please call me at (830) 391-9071 or send us a note through [www.VulcanMedinaQuarry.com](http://www.VulcanMedinaQuarry.com).

We are committed to Medina County and to our neighbors and dedicated to building our partnership with you. Thank you for your time.

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Area Operations Manager  
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