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Surface Transportation Board.

1925 K. Street, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Section of Environmental Analysis. Finance Docket 34284

Att: Mrs. Rini Dhash:

In reference to the construction of the proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad spur from the main line Union Pacific to the planned Vulcan Materials site north of the village of Quitki is the feasible and safe way of transporting the limestone to the point of shipping to market at Dunlay, Texas.

After surveying the traffic count on the rural roads in question, it is Vulcan's ^{TXDOT} decision alone to construct separated-grade crossings or grade-crossings where needed.

To haul the crushed rock by loaded trucks over the Farm to Market (FM) Roads and the Country (C.R) Roads would be hazardous and dangerous to the rural traffic, to the school buses traveling these same routes twice a day and also a strain on the truck drivers plus the added damage to the pavement.

Medina County needs new industry for a boost to the economy with job opportunities and taxes.

To Vulcan - best wishes for success and prosperity.

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