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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co. / Southwest Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

My Parents moved to this area in 1959 with the intent of raising their family in a peaceful country environment and to create a heritage for generations of my family in the future.

In 2004 I purchased my Parent's land with the intent of keeping the dream alive by raising my family in a country environment and creating a heritage for years to come.

It seems now that that this is not the case – Vulcan Materials and SGR Railroad wants to upset our peaceful country setting with a gravel pit less than one mile from my homestead. We not only live on this land we co-exist with others. We drink water from a shallow well that we are worried Vulcan will pollute our most vital resource. The dust from the limestone containing calcite, which attacks the mucous membranes and lungs, does not provide for a safe environment as well.

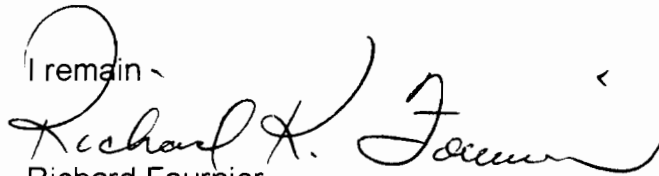
Now I hear of a railroad and hundreds of trucks per day going by my land. How safe will this be when my family is going to school or work or Church and they are hit by a gravel truck or a train.

There are hundreds if not thousands of other locations in Texas that are less populated – more remote that would serve this operation better and cheaper. If we are forced to live with this company in our backyards – please be certain that they are not polluting our air.... Our water ... our quiet way of life. Please choose the route for SGR that is supplied by MCEAA where there is less of an impact to population – to wildlife to our way of life.

Ms. Ghosh, I wanted to thank you for your time to read this ... and for the attention that you are paying to help the citizens of our small community. Please use good judgment when you are deciding on the impacts of Quihi, Texas. I

If you have any questions, or if I can provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to call me and thank you for your time and attention to this desperate matter.

I remain -


Richard Fournier