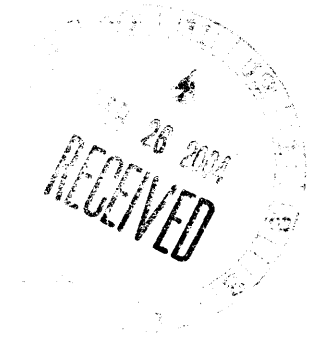


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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Attention: Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket No. 34284

DEAR Ms. Ghosh:

My name is Francis L. Fleming, my farm and ranch is located approximately 2 miles southeast of the proposed quarry. I want the EIS to include a study of the effects of my following list of my concerns.

1. THE LARGE AMMOUNT OF EDWARDS AQUIFER WATER THAT WILL BE USED BY THE QUARRY OPERATION.
2. BLASTING IN THE QUARRY AND HOW IT AFFECTS DEEP AND SHALLOW WELLS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.
3. THE EFFECTS OF MIGRATION BIRDS OF THIS PROJECT.
4. THE EFFECTS OF LOADED RAIL CARS AT THE MARSHALLING YARDS.
5. A FULL FLOOD ANALYSIS ON ALL PROPOSED AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTES OF THE RAILROAD AND QUARRY SITE.

6. The effects of heavy loaded trucks traveling on 2676 and other county roads.
7. A study of the proposed Fuel storage Area over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.
8. The effect of proposed & Alternate Routes would have on the historic district and the Archeological artifacts of Quilley.
9. The effect that blasting in the quarry would have to the Medina Dam.
10. A study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the grade separation of FM 2676 and county roads to include Flood prevention.
11. A study on the times and duration of rail traffic across any and all roads without grade separation.
12. A study on the control of weeds & vegetation along the railroad tracks, effects of pesticides used. The effect upon wetlands. The prevention & control of Flash Fires during times of dry vegetation.
13. A study of what will happen to the Land after it has been mined.
14. A study of what will happen to the Edwards Aquifer water quality when Vulcan mines to 200-250 feet.

Sincerely,
Francis L. Flemming

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