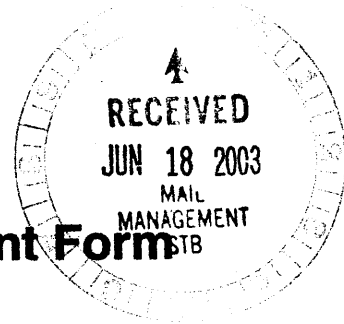




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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

___ The proposed rail line is near my home.

___ The proposed rail line is near my business.

___ The proposed rail line crosses my property

☒ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

Environmental impacts can be caused by unsafe railroad crossings on county roads and state highways. When and where this rail crosses Cr. 4516 and F.M. 2676, the rail or road needs to be suspended so traffic will not have to cross the railroad tracks. Those roads have heavy traffic including fertilizers, fuels, heavy equipment and other cargo, which could be potentially dangerous to the environment if involved in a wreck with a train or something else caused by the rail line. The rail line will also affect cr. 353 and Cr. 365 and they as well need to be addressed.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

There are several creeks that the proposed rail line cross. It is very important that any rail crossings over these creeks be elevated so there will be no water or debris backed up causing flooding. The Quihi Creek, Cherry Creek and Elm Creek are along the proposed railroad and have in the past caused a lot of flooding from Highway 90 North to the proposed quarry site. There are also several sloughs and smaller creeks that will be affected by this railroad.

Thank you for your comments.

Roy M. Montano
County Comm. Pet 1
Medina County