



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:

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Surface Transportation Board
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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.

Name: CHRISTINE McCoy

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Telephone: _____

I am very very concerned that our private property will be condemned + taken away from us to put in the railroad.

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?

I am concerned about the impact the vibrations of the trains will have on our shallow water wells. I am concerned that the blasting necessary to put in the rail line will effect the water flows into the shallow wells, the integrity + stability of the old historical buildings in the area, the caves + sink holes along the rail route, the artesian springs. There are numerous Indian artifacts - arrow heads, Indian rock tools that will be disturbed + lost forever in the path of the railroad.

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

I am seriously concerned with the flooding problems in the Guhli area. The RR berms + trestles will inevitably change the flow of the flood waters from the Guhli + Elm Creeks. There have been flooding problems in the past 10 years that will be severely exacerbated by the changes in the creek flows caused by blockages. I am concerned that our rural residential community will be changed into a noisy, dusty industrial area. I am concerned about the visual impact of a railroad with hundreds of train cars per day carrying crushed limestone which will produce clouds of dust, even if watered down prior to departure. (Just look at the San Antonio locations + the dust emitted from the train cars there). The limestone dust is carcinogenic + poses serious health risks to residents in the area. I am concerned ~~that~~ with potential hazards posed by other items carried by the rail road, if it is a common carrier what else will be emitted into our air + possibly spilled into our ground water? The diesel from the trains + ammonia nitrate