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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423
Attention: Rini Ghosh
STB Docket No. FD 34284

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Dear Ms. Rini Ghosh,

I would like to thank the STB for preparing and distributing the S.D.E.I.S. It has a wealth of information and resources that we can all benefit from.

This letter is to inform you that I am completely opposed to the construction and operation of any rail lines and quarry. The intentions of these two endeavors seem strictly monetary and selfish.

The picture that was chosen for the front cover of each book was a great selection. The gray railroad tracks with nothing on them, going nowhere, with no life around it, is a perfect illustration of what is to come if the railroads and the quarry become a reality. The gray lifeless town of Knippa, Texas is an excellent example of how a rail line and quarry will not bring prosperity to an area.

I am sure you are well aware, the implementation of the plans submitted by Vulcan Construction Materials and Southwest Gulf Railroad Company will not enhance, or prove to be beneficial to the air and water quality, the land value, or the economic status of the local and state environment.

I appreciate you taking the time to read and acknowledge my comments and look forward to not having a rail line and quarry in my neighborhood.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,



N. Portenier