

January 21, 2004

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



Attention: Rini Ghosh

Re: Tenassee Docket No. 34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

I am responding to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believe the above proposed quarry and proposed B&O rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects, including no quarry and no rail

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live at all.

I live within one third mile of alternative A track. I am retired and have enjoyed the peace and quiet of the area for many years. My primary concern is that the railway would effect the flood plain, as it is we have a river down the road when there is a heavy rail. We would like to avoid a flood into our home.

Hearing trains passing many times daily would ruin our peaceful sitting and I am concerned that the quarry will be setting right on the Edwards Aquifer.

Sincerely, Egonald E. Weirich 290 KP 454
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