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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. Ghosh:

I am writing because I am concerned about the changes the rock quarry and rail line proposed by Vulcan Materials will have on my family homestead in Upper Quihi.

As a life-long resident of Medina County I am opposed to the quarry and the railroad. In 2004 I built a home on family property at 6744 FM 2676 and I have discovered it is not on your SDEIS map-Figure2a: Alternative Rail Routes and Residences within 65 DNLContour. I have enclosed a map with my house marked in red.

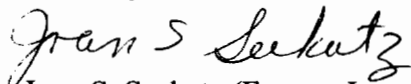
The SGR's Modified Medina Dam Route would go through my home and the MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative would be within one-fourth mile. My mother's 1910 Victorian style home with a hand-dug well and an old windmill is within a mile of the same two eastern alternate routes. There is another hand-dug well and windmill within one-half mile of the MCEAA route.

My environmental concerns are for the agricultural landscape, the recreational activities, the additional noise, and the possible damage to very old wells. Today the landscape is serene and peaceful, the bird hunting good, and there is absolutely no outside noises except birds and coyotes.

If pressured to select a route, I would choose the Eastern Bypass Route over the other two eastern routes.

The quarry and railroad have been a worry to many Medina County residents including my elderly mother and myself, and I would like Vulcan Materials stopped.

Sincerely,



Joan S. Seekatz (Former Joan S. McGill)

Enclosure: Map with my 2004 home marked in red and circled.



RAILWAY NOISE CONTOUR

- 65 dB Contour
- 60 dB Contour
- 55 dB Contour

Figure 2a
Alternative Rail Routes and
Residences within 65 DNL Contour