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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K. Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
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Re: Finance Docket # 34284
Vulcan Materials Co / Southwest
Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

My family has lived in the area for over thirty years so we have an idea of what living in a flood plane is about. When it rains we have a river going down our road and as rain amounts increase my home becomes an island.

I have owned our family home for only a couple of years but I know the house has been flooded twice.

I can handle a remodeling twice in thirty years but changing the landscape could cause my home to be regularly flooded and in that circumstance I will be without a home.

The Quik Creek runs behind my property and I wonder what kind of pollutants will be coming down Elm Creek into the Quik Creek since their fuel tanks are right on the Elm Creek.

What will our farmers do for water with the quarry using huge amounts of water each day and pulling water from our aquifer. I am already wondering how long any of us will have water in our wells with the huge numbers of people moving into the area.

You may have already realized that I have no desire for a quarry in this area. There are alot of areas where there is empty land that would be a better place for a quarry.

Thank you,

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