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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co./Southwest Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms Ghosh:

I am against the railway which is to be built to accommodate removal of materials for the Vulcan Rock Quarry in Quihi, Texas.

I am a land owner in Quihi and am very distressed over the proposed railway for several reasons.

The area around Quihi is rapidly becoming developed with residential subdivisions. The growth is unprecedented and shows no signs of slowing. The introduction of a new railway in the area is a bad idea and would absolutely contribute to traffic accidents.

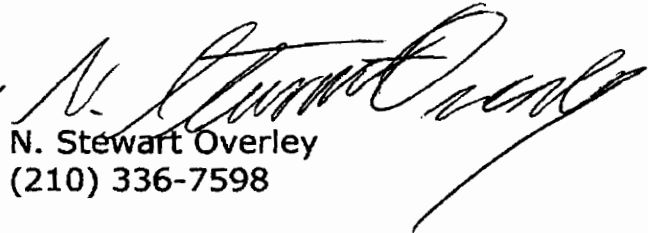
In addition, to the best of my knowledge, the entire area is considered a recharge zone for the Edward's Aquifer, the main water source for San Antonio and the surrounding area. Fuel storage is a real concern and should not be permitted.

I have observed flooding conditions in the area during the spring. Elm Creek, Quihi Creek and Polecat Creek flood excessively. A railway would compromise already challenged watershed areas.

So many people will be adversely affected by this railway and so few will benefit. I hope you will consider the full impact of your decision in this matter.

Sincerely,


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