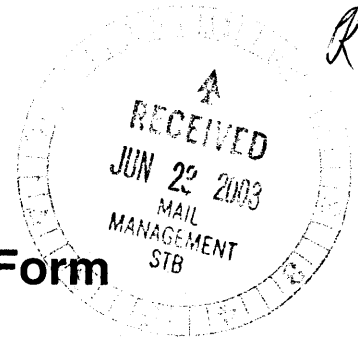




Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

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Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.
- ☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.
- ☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property
- ☐ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

NOISE! Depending upon the route selected / approved, my home in New Fountain will be $3/4$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the railroad. A prevailing S/SE wind in this area carries noise through Office Valley to a very significant extent. I already hear the U.P. traffic from the Bismarck / Highway 90 area. The addition of the proposed railroad traffic will add a long-term noise irritant to our home, location and it may adversely impact the value of my property.

Additional truck traffic on FM 2676 will also add significantly to the noise in this area.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

SAFETY & HEALTH You must add the impact of up to 70+ large trucks per day on the roads in this area. Vulcan representatives indicated in a meeting last year that even if the railroad is approved, there will be truck traffic to satisfy business needs in the local areas. FM 2676 & the towns of Castroville and Hondo could feel the brunt of this traffic.

I believe that construction of any raised berm to support this railroad will cause severe flooding east of and much beyond during heavy rainfall. PLEASE require a thorough study and hydrological modeling to determine relative to this potential disaster for the entire area.

Thank you for your comments.

If this Railroad is built I suggest the following:

1. Require VCM to build a road parallel to the railroad from the quarry to highway 90 to keep truck traffic off the local County and FM. Roads.
2. Require VCM to provide flood insurance for all homes in the flood potential areas.