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Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N. W.
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

We are landowners and residents in Medina County, Texas. Our property is located approximately one half mile east from the proposed quarry that Vulcan Materials wishes to start. The county road on which we live is supposed to be crossed by one of the proposed routes for the quarry's railroad.

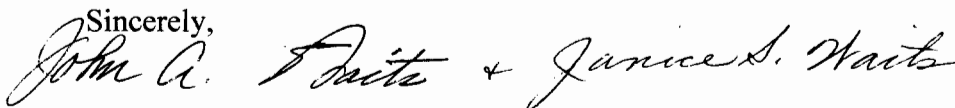
When we bought this property twenty-six years ago, we thought we had found the ideal place. We moved from Shavano Park which was about a mile south of a Martin-Merietta gravel pit in San Antonio. We were not anxious to be that close to the periodic explosions that went on in the pit much less the dust that was blown onto the house.

A railroad does not exactly lend itself to the natural setting that we have been used to. If this route is chosen, then we will have to cross the tracks twice to get to San Antonio or Castroville. If one of the other routes is chosen this will make a hinderance and danger to get to Hondo, food purchases, fuel, medical assistance, and children to school.

I understand that the gravel will be watered down as it is placed in the cars, but I wonder just how long the gravel will stay damp in the hot South Texas days. How much dust will be generated during the six plus miles to the switch at Dunlay?

I do not know much about the flood plains issue, only what others have said in relation to the railroad. I can understand going through cemeteries, historical places, ranches and peoples' homes will cause problems and ill feelings.

We prefer to have neither the quarry nor the railroad.

Sincerely,


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