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Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
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Attention Rini Ghosh

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Dear Ms. Ghosh:

We live in New Fountain on CR 454 and are very concerned about the gravel truck traffic on our county roads. Our business requires a lot of travel time within the county and work along the roadways. The addition of any more truck traffic will certainly be detrimental to the roads of Medina County.

The truck transportation to the local market comments in Volume I, page 4-105 does not appear to be a correct statement. You stated that "24 round trips per day would be required to meet local demand of gravel transportation". Vulcan has previously stated that without a railroad it would require 850 round trips per day to transport all aggregate and that 10% of these round trips would be for local deliveries. That comes out to be 85 round trips per day, more than triple your stated amount. What exactly is the amount of local truck traffic that could be on our roads if Vulcan gets its' railroad permit?

The county roads that the trucks will be using will also be used by farmers and ranchers on tractors with large implements and cattle trailers loaded with cattle. After all, the title of the roads define their use, FM "farm to market" and CR "county road". These small, narrow, mostly unpaved roads are not designed to accommodate heavy truck traffic traveling at a high rate of speed loaded with gravel, with a driver paid by the miles driven! To make matters worse, most Medina County roads are traveled twice a day by our school buses. Also EMS, emergency response vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, our stop and start mail delivery drivers and garbage pick-up.

We request that the questions regarding county road use and safety of Medina County residents be addressed through mitigation to the County Court's satisfaction before the final DEIS is issued. We understand that once the railroad permit has been issued, Medina County will have lost its' leverage for dealing with Vulcan.

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