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Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20402-0001

FD 34284

Re: FD 34284
Proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad
Medina County Project

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed is an additional Petition stating opposition to the above referenced project, and the request to do a connected action study of both the railroad and the quarry.

This Petition includes The Castroville Conservation Society as a whole.

Please include the enclosed Petition and acknowledgement letter to the CCS in your records.

Sincerely,

Dr Robert Fitzgerald

Dr Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
MCEAA, Inc.

cc: U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla
Castroville Conservation Society

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Ms. Carole S. Romano, President
The Castroville Conservation Society
P.O. Box 1312
Castroville, TX 78009

Dear Carole:

On behalf of MCEAA, Inc., I want to thank you and the other members of The Castroville Conservation Society for endorsing our position regarding the proposed Vulcan Materials/Southwest Gulf quarry and rail line project in Quihi, by signing the Petition we circulated. We understand that the vote you took for this endorsement was unanimous, and we appreciate your strong show of support.

We are certain that if this project is allowed to proceed, the historic nature of the town of Quihi will be lost, and the historic buildings, homes, and other sites will be damaged over a very short period of time. We are glad you and your organization share this position, and want to preserve this part of the legacy that Henri Castro gave all of us.

I am forwarding your signed petition to the Surface Transportation Board today. We have already submitted 776 signatures on this petition of individuals who care about the future of Quihi and Medina County, who are opposed to this project, and who ask that the STB do a connected action study on both the quarry and railroad.

Again, we want to say how very much we appreciate The Castroville Conservation Society's standing beside us as we work to save our beloved Quihi community.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
MCEAA, Inc.

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PETITION

I am opposed to the proposed Vulcan/Southwest Gulf Railroad project for a quarry and rail line in Quithi, Medina County, Texas because of the many harmful impacts this project will have on this area.

In addition, unless the Surface Transportation Board makes the decision in accordance with certain legal requirements to study both, the quarry will not be included in the Environmental Impact Study.

I, the undersigned, therefore, request that the STB do a connected action study of both the quarry and the railroad in the EIS.

NAME (print)	NAME (signature)	RESIDENT OR LANDOWNER (check)	ADDRESS (not required)	PHONE (not required)
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| 1. <u>The Castroville Conservation</u> | <u>Society</u> | <u>Y.O. Box 1312</u> | | |
| 2. <u>Donald D. Henderson, President</u> | | <u>Castroville, TX</u> | | |
| 3. <u>Ellen Carlson</u> | <u>Sec. Ellen Carlson</u> | <u>June 30, 2004</u> | | |
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