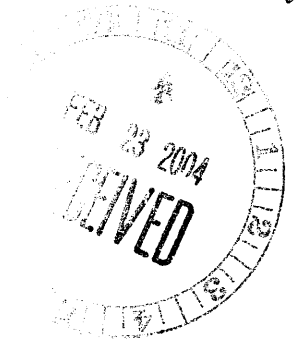


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We see no problem with the proposed surface grade crossings.

In regard to the quarry and its environmental impact we see no detrimental problems. We have 3 granddaughters in school at O'Parker in San Antonio. Lee and a quarry is just behind the school and we've seen no problems. A short distance away there is a quarry close to Clark High School with no problems. In fact the quarries were there before the schools were built. We also have friends in the Mico, Tex. Area with 4 quarries around them with no impact on their lives except many trucks on the road, the railroad would be the logical answer.

We think the "quarries" would be an asset for Medina County, Texas.

Sincerely,
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