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4/28/04

Re: FD 34284  
Proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad  
Medina County Project

Dear Ms. Rutson:

In SEA's letter of April 19 to David Coburn, you asked for information concerning the wholly truck-served quarry alternative. MCEAA would also like STB to have additional information concerning this alternative. We urge the STB to obtain the following data concerning this alternative as well as any other pertinent data STB believes to be appropriate.

1. The average loading time per truck required for the 850 trucks in an 8 hour day.
2. The number of trucks that would be on the 5 county (4 paved and 1 unpaved) and one state road at any one time.
3. The number and type of intersections these trucks would have to negotiate.
4. The speed these trucks would be traveling (average for each road).
5. The distance between trucks at any one time during an 8 hour day.
6. Alternative routes these trucks would travel in event of traffic delays, accidents, road repairs, which would occur frequently during the 50 year life of the quarry.

The above data would not only be helpful to the STB, but also would be invaluable to the Texas Highway Department and to the Medina County government, whose roads would be traveled.

In conclusion, the above data, in addition to the data already requested, would demonstrate that Vulcan never intended to have a wholly truck-served quarry. It would also prove the fact that the proposed quarry and rail line are connected actions and the need for an EIS for the quarry is not only met but justified.

Respectfully,

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