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Surface Transportation Board-Sec. of Env. Analysis

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284 S.W. Gulf Railroad Co.
Constr. and Opr. Exemption-Medina Co. Tx.

I wish to express my strong opposition to using trucks to haul aggregate in lieu of using rail hauling. I ask you study the following points if you are not already doing so:

1. Air and noise pollution and from the hundreds of diesel trucks that would be used. Black smoke and fumes pouring out of their exhaust systems.
2. Traffic congestion from the same vehicles.

Safety for school children using local bus systems subjecting them to accidents and even death from the high speed truck drivers constantly use. I use Fm 2676 about 3 times a week and the truck drivers have their own speed limits-not what the state prescribes. Overpasses and underpasses for a train would totally eliminate this problem.

3. Increased traffic from heavy trucks would pose a problem to maintaining acceptable road conditions.
4. Increased cost to the state and county for maintenance of existing roads and re-surfacing as needed,

Thanks you for your attention to these points.

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