

Draft EIR Comment Form

Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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Comment: Being a registered nurse and having lived on Park Hill Rd since 1974, I am especially concerned about the public health issues involved with this proposed project. The prevailing winds go from the proposed project site up Park Hill Rd and would carry with it any dust and particulates from diesel engines up the road. The dust and particulates will adversely affect the respiratory health of many families and livestock living up Park Hill for some distance. Especially vulnerable to dust and particulates are the very young, the elderly, and those with preexisting conditions such as asthma or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). In addition, the spores of coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever) exist in the soil in San Luis Obispo County. The disturbance of soil caused by this project would result in a high probability of an increased incidence of Valley Fever. This illness is especially dangerous for the young and the elderly, but can have serious consequences for healthier people particularly persons of color.

I am additionally concerned about the impact of the use of surfactants (for dust reduction) to the ground water supply. There may be health related concerns for those drinking water from wells located down stream from this proposed project.

There may also be health related consequences from the noise pollution resulting from blasting, heavy equipment and gravel trucks.

Thank you for giving consideration to these concerns.

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