



Las Pilitas Quarry Project comments

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EIR COMMENTS ON LAS PILITAS QUARRY PROJECT

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To all involved in matters regarding the Las Pilitas Quarry Project,

Other than the obvious traffic problems this quarry will cause, my main concern is Valley Fever-We live in a known and proven endemic area. Only 30 miles away, 28 people have been diagnosed with VF in the last few months. Those are only the workers at the Solar Plant. Not to mention the only ones that have been properly diagnosed. Valley Fever often goes misdiagnosed, the numbers are staggering. I am not convinced that there has been a sufficient amount of attention and talk on this topic. I can only hope and pray that you will contact the San Luis Obispo County of Disease Control and get their latest statistics and numbers of people affected by this life long incurable, deadly and debilitating disease. One spore is all it takes to breathe in, the fungal spores have been known to travel in the wind up to many miles. The recent epidemic numbers of Valley Fever in our county have risen in the past 5 years.

There are maps available at the SLO County Disease Control.

At the "Town meeting" held on May 30, by the Las Pilitas Quarry people. Little to nothing was known about this horrid disease. This is not a matter that should be brushed under the carpet as saying "well, the Hansen Quarry is right there and there seems to be no problem". No problem?? I would like someone to prove that. In November of 2011 I was diagnosed with Valley Fever, actually I am one of the more unlucky Valley Fever suffers, because the cocci, disseminated-(spread) throughout my body and is in my central nervous system. What this means is I will have to be on drug therapy for life, the drugs they use to control the fungus is similar to chemotherapy. I have to have my liver tested every three months due to the drug causes liver failure, hair loss, fatigue, head aches, muscle aches and dry skin so severe I have to lather a 40.00 cream on myself daily. Not to mention the cost of the drug therapy is in range of \$1000.00 to \$3000.00 per month, that is if you are fortunate enough to not have to get injections straight into your brain. I run the risk of needing these injections into my brain if I am consistently exposed to these fungal spores being kicked up in the air that surrounds my home. I live only 1 and a half miles from the proposed quarry. If I end up getting cocci-meningitis because of over exposure to the fungus my treatments will be very long painful and expensive. Not to mention I would have to go to Bakersfield for the treatment

In closing, I would like to say, this quarry is not a matter of money, jobs or property rights, it is a matter of character. If I was doing something on my property that was perfectly legal, although it could cause my neighbors to get a life long illness without a cure, not to mention possibly death. I COULD NOT LIVE WITH MYSELF.

Side note: what if it is their family members who get sick or die? Just in the name of \$\$\$\$

I know the soil testers want to say that there is only a small area that the spores can grow in. All it takes is one and they are smaller than the head of a pin. You will never know until it is too late. What are the lives of the local community worth? Dirt?

Very sincerely and sadly submitted by,
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