Fw: Las Pilitas Quarry

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Hello,

My husband and I are land owners and have been residents for over 27 years on Digger Pine Road in Santa Margarita, CA. When we purchased our property we were aware of the Hanson Quarry (then Kaiser Quarry) and that it would be part of our view shed. As time has gone on the Hanson Quarry has extended it's hours to weekends and operating through out the night, as well as recycling asphalt. For the most part we have been willing to put up with the dust, noise and blasting; although the recycling of the asphalt changes the wonderful, early morning fresh air into air that isn't fit to breathe. We are located 3 miles outside of Santa Margarita on Hwy 58 and less than 1 mile from the proposed site for the Las Pilitas Quarry. Years ago we choose to live in the country for the peace and quiet, the fresh air and quiet evenings.

We are sending you this letter to voice our opposition to the Las Pilitas Quarry. We do not feel that the residents in the town of Santa Margarita and those that are living close to the proposed quarry location have been properly notified in order to participate in an honest assessment of the project. The initial study that has been provided is sorely lacking in complete, comprehensive information.

Some of the concerns that we have :

1. **Air Quality -** we already have compromised air quality from the dust and asphalt recycling at the Hanson Quarry
2. **Noise -** we have blasting that we not only hear but can feel from the Hanson Quarry and it's located further from our property then the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry. In addition to that we have the constant beeping from the backup signals, the trucks coming and going as well as the dozers working, and this occurs at all hours of the day and night.
3. **Traffic -** we have travelled Hwy 58 to and from work in San Luis Obispo for years and know that it is not suited to big rig traffic due to it's narrowness and curves, not to mention the blind spot that exists at the entrance for the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry.There is the safety issue regarding truck traffic by the elementary school in town and the railroad crossing, just not enough space for safely crossing the railroad tracks.

Also, on any given day during the week in the town of Santa Margarita you can see five or more trucks with doubles parked in the center lane in town and along the curb. These are the trucks that are currently serving the Hanson Quarry and their presence in town causes visibility issues for coming in and out of driveways for the post office, gas station and cross streets.

4. **Property Value** - there is a direct correlation to the devaluation of our property if the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry is allowed.

Why should we have an additional rock quarry? The trucking company that belongs to Mike Cole Farms currently operating out of the Hanson Quarry is just looking to move operations while making more money. We currently have two quarries located within close proximity of each other and there is not a demand for another quarry.

We have many other areas that are of concern and know that these have been addressed by our friends and neighbors. We shouldn't have to bare the burden of an additional rock quarry operation in this wonderful area that so many of us have choose to live in. Ours and our neighbor's **Quality of Life** is in jeopardy. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration in this matter,

Robbie and Ron Godfrey