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Dear Mr. Oliveira,

We are writing to share our concerns about the proposed project, (DRC2009-00025) Oster Las Pilitas Quarry.

We are residents of California Valley and travel Hwy 58 (a route that is up for designation as a scenic highway) frequently in both directions. The impacts of introducing more than 200 trucks and double trailers heavily loaded with quarry product each day are mind-boggling and disturbing. The first foreseeable event that comes to my mind is fatalities. That stretch of road between the proposed site (just east of the Salinas River bridge and just west of Parkhill Rd) and the Hwy 101 and El Camino interchange presents some challenges even to passenger vehicles with some degree of maneuverability. There are blind curves, dips in the road that prevent a line of sight to oncoming traffic, and no turnouts that would accommodate a 60-70' long truck and trailer combo. We've been behind trucks on this stretch of road and they are unable to stay within their lane even at speeds significantly less than the limit. Closer to town, they must then pass a school crossing before coming to a RR crossing where the length of the trucks exceeds the available space between the crossguard and El Camino Real. Finally after running the stop sign and making their way onto El Camino Real, they arrive at Hwy 101. This intersection was identified as a Class 1 impact in the EIR for the Santa Margarita Ranch Ag Cluster project, yet does not even get addressed for study in the applicant-provided traffic study that is posted on your website. That would appear to be a huge oversight as certainly trucks need to be considered to have a greater impact value than passenger vehicles.

If we lived in the Santa Margarita area, we'd be real concerned about water because this is one scarce resource all around these parts. Using lots of water to combat dust would not seem like a suitable use for

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a resource this precious. The wells are mostly pretty shallow on those parcels near the river and the few creeks that feed in right around there. We used to know some Native Americans out on Parkhill who knew all about that stuff. We suggest that you ask them about any ancient sites right around there, now that we think of it

As Certified Nursing Assistants who worked at Twin Cities Hospital and cared for many individuals of all ages who were in the Intensive Care Unit in the last stages of life due to Valley Fever, an epidemic that is growing rapidly throughout the area, we are especially concerned about the airborne coccidioidomycosis spores that will undoubtedly be released into the air. The air will also be assaulted by the exhaust from all those diesel trucks hanging in the low inversion layer. Air quality is a factor that should be examined very carefully in this project, as it is vital to the quality of life we hold so dear.

In short, we believe that this project is completely incompatible with human life in the town of Santa Margarita and Highway 58, and represents an unsustainable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We trust that the process will consider our comments for scoping this project's EIR.

Sincerely,

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California Valley, CA