

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

COMMENT FORM

Oster (Las Pilitas Quarry) CUP/ Reclamation Plan (DRC 2009-00025)

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Comments:

These are the concerns I have regarding the Oster (Las Pilitas Quarry)CUP/Reclamation Plan (DRC 2009-00025):

After attending the Santa Margarita Scope meeting regarding this proposal I have serious concerns:

First the environmental impact would be huge for this area. The dust, noise from blasting, the machinery used for reclamation, traffic/truck noise, and the list could go on and on. There are families living extremely close to this proposed project. I can't understand how the proposed owners are going to be able to keep the noise, dust, etc controlled so as not to affect their immediate neighbors. As for myself I live approximately 1 mile from the proposed site, and 5 miles from the town of Santa Margarita. I frequently hear the trains on the railroad tracks, not only the warning horns from the engines but the clattering of wheels on the rails.

Another environment concern is the Salinas River. This quarry is very close to the river. When we do get rain it is not uncommon for Santa Margarita to get more rain than the rest of the county. Due to the topography of the proposed site water from the rains run down Hwy 58 into the river. In fact Mr. Oster last winter built up soil barriers on a make sift road heading to the proposed quarry site to keep the run off from emptying on to the highway.

Second the truck traffic on Hwy 58: This is a narrow, winding road with blind curves, and ess curves. This road is hilly (from the north and south) adding to increased speed from all types of vehicles, it offers no shoulder. It is frequented by bicyclist, motorcyclist, commuters, school buses, and CDF fire equipment and trucks. There have been several accidents on this section of the highway and I was witness to a motorcycle accident on this very section of Hwy 58 July 4th 2009. I also feel I need to stress that this area is not "uninhabited" or even sparsely populated. This highway is used by the residents of Creston, residents on highway 229, residents of Park Hill and of course

residents of Hwy 58. This highway is used to go to San Luis Obispo and Atascadero. It is not safe for 60 foot, double belly, gravel hauling semi trucks to be making turns into a Quarry.

These are only a few concerns I have with this project. I ask that you reject this proposal, save the applicants some money, and keep the hilltops on Hwy 58 from being raped, keep our quality of life intact, and save some lives.

Thank you.