

Comments by Rex Rogers on Dave's mining permit.

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MY MAIN CONCERNS ARE THE EFFECTS OF GRAVEL TRUCKS ON THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, PRIMARILY THE ROADS, AND WHY THERE ARE NO REQUIRMENTS FOR DUST AND NOISE CONTROL. ALSO THE PROPOSED SIZE OF THE REQUESTED PERMIT SEEMS EXTRAVAGANT TO ME.

SMITH ROAD AND WEBBWOOD ROAD ARE IN VERY POOR SHAPE AND GRAVEL TRUCKS WILL ONLY DETERIORATE THEM FURTHER. PARK STREET IS A RELATIVLY NARROW, RESIDENTIAL STREET AND WAS NOT BUILT FOR HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC. PARK ALSO HAS NUMEROUS SIDE STREETS AND ACCESS ROADS WHICH PROVIDE POTENTIAL HAZARDS FOR TRUCKS. THE ROADS GOING SOUTH ARE FAIRLY DECENT (SMITH ROAD AND MONROE STREET) FOR ACCESS TO THE MAIN HIGHWAYS.

AS A GEOLOGIST, I HAVE BEEN AROUND A NUMBER OF MINING OPERATIONS. MOST MINERS WILL BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO ALLEVIATE ANY DETRIMENT THEY MIGHT CAUSE TO THERE NEIGHBORS. I HAVE SEEN OR HEARD NOTHING ABOUT WHAT MR. LONG MIGHT DO ALONG THIS LINE. I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT THE SOUND OF THE CRUSHER REACHES MY HOME WHICH IS AROUND ONE HALF MILE FROM THE EXISTING MINING SITE AND IS A DISTURBING BACKGROUND NOISE. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THE DUST IS A REAL PROBLEM WHENEVER A PLACE OR PERSON IS DOWNWIND OF THE PIT.

BY MR. LONG'S OWN STATEMENT THEY ARE MINING A VERY SMALL AREA EACH YEAR AND THE PROJECTED SIZE OF THE PROPOSED PERMIT IS PROABLY A 50 YEAR SUPPLY AT CURRENT PRODUCTION LEVELS. AS I UNDERSTAND IT THE PERMIT WOULD BE FOR TEN YEARS. WHY THEN SHOULD THE PROPOSED AREA COVER A 50 YEAR SUPPLY? ANOTHER OF MY CONCERNS IS HOW THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION IN THE AREA WILL ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF DIFERENCE IN ELEVATION BETWEEN EXISTING GRADES ON THE WEST AND THE BOTTOM OF THE PROPOSED PIT.

I KNOW FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT WHEN THE FIELDS WEST OF SMITH ROAD ARE IRRIGATED THAT THE WATER TABLE ON THE EAST OF SMITH ROAD RISES TO THE SURFACE IN SOME PLACES. I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH WATER TABLES WHEN THE PIT IS EXTENDED TO THE WEST.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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