

*The Director of Land Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
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122 West 25th Street
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*November 10, 2009
Regarding the Roger's Pit Permit
Sundance, Wyoming*



We are opposed to further permitting of any limestone quarries/mines/and/or plants until the regulations are tightened up to protect the citizens and their rights, and that these regulations can be properly monitored by qualified personnel who act in the best interest of the taxpayer and citizens of Wyoming. The surrounding quarries are negatively impacting our quality of life, and are destroying our natural resources, water and air. We as taxpayers and lands owners are contributing unwillingly (economically and laboriously) to the surrounding quarries especially through our efforts to clean our property from their dust, and maintain the roads which are over used. Our automobiles have been damaged by their rocks. The trucks from Roger's Pit continue onto state highway 14 without tarps and rocks have caused broken windshields. The road is too narrow for large trucks to turn within their lane causing an unsafe condition for oncoming cars and potential school buses. Our roads have become unsafe. We are concerned about the damage that is occurring to the metal roofs and other metal structures on our properties from the dust that collects on them. We are also concerned about our land values since these quarries have been established. It seems that our taxes continue to increase when resale is nearly impossible. The past two years have been generous with snow and rainfall, and the past two years have also brought quarry expansion where their main dust suppression source is our water supply. We are concerned that dry weather will bring dry wells. Our concerns about the increased air pollution from this mining operation, as evidence through denser regional haze, have been sent to the Air Quality Division. While some of our complaints to DEQ have been addressed, many have not been addressed as far as we know, or addressed in a way that favors the quarry operator. As you can see we are getting tired of trying to



protect our rights with this deteriorating situation in the manner which we are presently using because we are seeing no results .

We would like the following questions answered.

1. The road that runs from the quarry onto Rifle Pit Road to the service road which runs under the Interstate 90, is in deplorable condition and is unsafe. What do we need to do to get the proper drainage? Who is responsible to maintain this?
2. What affect will the continuous blasting from this quarry have on our wells and springs and Sundance Creek?
3. Is the production of 500,000 tons of limestone, listed on the permit application form, the total amount mined or the amount transported and who is going to monitor this? What will be the consequences if this quarry takes more than they project?
4. There were no pre-quarry water quality studies on the nearby creeks. Also there are no specific plans to contain the runoff from rain and water suppression that will contaminate the surrounding creeks which go into the rivers. Specifically Sundance Creek, Sand Creek, Redwater Creek, Spearfish Creek, Belle River, and at the end, the Missouri River. Can and will this be addressed in the permit conditions?
5. Is mining Gypsum included in this permit?
6. Why is the proposed operation of the mining operation scheduled to begin in November 2009, before objections for this permitting are required?
7. The public notice states the proposed quarry will operate until 2027, while the in paperwork prepared for the Air Quality (AP-9645) available for public viewing states 2020. Will you explain this contradiction?

Attached is a signature of concerns residents of Crook County.

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