

June 30, 2004

Land Quality Division  
Herschel Building  
122 W 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002



To whom it may concern:

I am submitting an objection to the proposed mining permit to Barstad Enterprises in Johnson County.

My family's home and property is located south of the gravel pit. Because of the lack of dust control, our cars and homes are covered with dust. The air quality has been so poor at times, we experience fog-like conditions. In addition to our property being disturbed, we have suffered health problems in the form of allergies.

It is my request that the impact of this mining operation on property owners be considered. The fact is we have endured these conditions long enough.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Faye Hepp.

Faye Hepp  
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June 23, 2004

Land Quality Division  
Herschler Building  
122 W 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Administrator:

This letter is being written for the purpose of objecting the proposed small mining permit for the Barstad Enterprises in Buffalo, Wyoming located in section 26, T 51 N., R. 82 W., section 23, T. 51 N., R. 82 W., in Johnson County.

The issues and concerns I have regarding the Barstad pit is the violations that have occurred since the beginning of the operation. There has been no dust control and the specified operating hours during crushing have been ignored.

In addition, the integrity of Barstad Enterprises is without a doubt questionable. The fact that he has made no effort to secure dust control and stay within the laws that govern the mining operation support this statement. As neighbors, we were promised an indoor arena by Mr. Barstad.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask "Who is protecting the rights of the citizens and property owners who have endured these violations?"

Sincerely,



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The location of my home is directly across the highway approximately 300 yards from the gravel pit. Since the inception of this gravel pit, I have encountered several problems. These include two main violations. Specifically, the lack of dust control at the pit site and operating beyond specified hours while crushing. I have reported these violations to the DEQ office in Sheridan, WY. They confirmed my complaints stating that there was no water truck when they checked at the site. In addition, crushing has taken place well beyond the designated 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. hours. In April of 2004, crushing was going on until or past midnight. Consequently, I have had to endure the dust, dirt and noise from this pit since its beginning.

In addition to the previous issues mentioned, I feel that the location of the pit turn off is a dangerous traffic problem. The turn off is located at the top of a very steep hill where trucks enter and exit the pit. A motorist traveling south has little warning that a truck may be exiting the pit.

I have been extremely disappointed in the lack of accountability this operation has been held to and feel that enough is enough in the years that myself and others have endured this situation. I look forward to hearing from this office as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

*Linda Young*

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