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Administrator of the Land Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
Herschler Building
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

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Dear Administrator,

I am writing in strong objection to a permit submitted for a proposed sand, gravel, and limestone pit mining operation which was applied for by The McMurray Ready Mix Company of Casper for pit mining operations just West of Rawlins.

I am a degreed Chemical Engineer employed in Sinclair and my wife a soon to be Ed.D. Education Administration is employed in Rawlins in childhood development. We have a 10 month old son. We moved to Rawlins for the clean air, clean water and peace and tranquility rural Wyoming offers. Upon moving to the Rawlins area over one year ago, we began looking for land to purchase to build a log home. We found that land in the same subdivision of the proposed mining operation. We have purchased 5 acres of land on North Cherokee Road and have a signed contract with a custom log home builder to build our log home. We broke ground for our new log home this past weekend. Target completion is January, 2007. Our general contractor is also a long time land owner and resident of North Cherokee Road and strongly opposes this proposed pit mining permit. In the Rawlins area there is limited land available for purchase and home building. We feel fortunate to have found a 5 acre lot and offered full asking price for the land. A pit mine operation will mar the natural landscape, degrade the value of property, and contaminate the quality of living in this only rural residential area of Rawlins.

I am greatly concerned that a sand, grave, and future limestone pit mine operation will be detrimental to land and property values in this only rural subdivision within 5 miles of Rawlins. In addition to reducing property values and resale, I am very concerned with the negative aspects of pit mining on our air quality and water aquifer supplying well water to humans and livestock. Is the McMurray Ready Mix Company going to accept 100% liability for contaminated surface and well water from negative impacts of blasting, drilling, and mining near the aquifer? What do we do as residents in this area if the aquifer is contaminated or plugged from blasting and mining operations? How is this going to be settled? Has contaminating the aquifer been questioned? What price do you put on wildlife such as antelope and deer that live and migrate in this area West of Rawlins that will have their habitat disturbed by greed?

It appears to me that the McMurray Ready Mix Company in Casper has no regard for the current residents, land owners, and new home builders in this rare rural residential area West of Rawlins. It also appears to me that they are only interested in mining and marring the land for profit and taking full advantage of county road access to I-80



