

September 3, 2020

To: Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee

From: Jim Elleson
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Re: CUP 2505 - Westres Quarry

My house is directly across the valley from the quarry, approximately 4000' to the northwest.

Sounds from the quarry are clearly audible at my house.

I particularly enjoy the quiet hours between dawn and 7:00 am, when bird song is the dominant sound.

Drilling and crushing operations in the quarry generate considerable noise, and when these operations take place between dawn and 7:00 am, the noise substantially diminishes my enjoyment of these hours. By 7:00 am, traffic on Highway 78 picks up, and the noise from the quarry is not as noticeable.

There are generally a few days per year when drilling or crushing takes place between dawn and 7:00 am. After the second day, I've been irritated enough to make note of the dates. I have notes from July 21 and 24, 2017, when drilling or crushing started before 6:00 am, and from May 23 or 24, 2019 when it started at 6:00 am. There have been other days as well that I have not noted.

I would like to request that the hours of drilling and crushing operations at the quarry be limited to after 7:00 am. Because these days are so infrequent, it would not be an unreasonable imposition on quarry operation, but for me it would remove the greatest annoyance of living near a quarry.