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To Whom It May Concern

As a resident of Rutland Township for almost 45 years I am writing this letter to state my opposition to a new quarry on Center Road. I have previously written a letter to express my concerns over this potential expanded operation and its impact on me and the neighborhood around the quarry. I would again like to express my concerns.

Per CUPS Standards#1: The operation of this quarry will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or general welfare.

In my opinion the increased use of the existing quarry has already become detrimental to the comfort of the people living in the neighborhood. The truck traffic and machinery noise this past summer has certainly impacted the peaceful enjoyment of my property. This activity has caused me to have major concerns over air and water quality. This past summer dump truck traffic amounted to a diesel truck passing my house on Old Stone Road about every 5 minutes throughout the day. Behind my house exhaust from truck and excavation activity up to 12 hours a day has to have an impact on the air we are breathing. I have no way of knowing the long term impact on air pollution but in the short term the diesel odor to this degree is certainly nothing I've experienced in the almost 45 years of living in a peaceful rural residence. This has to impact air quality. The noise pollution is a whole other issue and does impact the enjoyment of outdoor activities. If I wanted to breathe exhaust and listen to traffic noise I would not have chosen to live in a rural setting. There is also no way of predicting what impact increased quarry activity may have on our ground water. Is water being pumped to excavate? If it is, where is it going? How does this impact supply? Has any testing of the ground water been done?

Per CUPS Standard#2: Value and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance and operation of conditional use.

The enjoyment of my property that I've lived on for almost 45 years has already been diminished by the increased use of the existing quarry. If the operation is allowed to expand I can't even imagine the impact on the neighborhood. If when I bought my house I had been told there would be dump trucks rumbling down the road in front of my house every 5 minutes and excavation equipment and trucks rumbling behind my house 8-12 hours a day rest assured I would not have bought my house. Which makes me question what will happen to the value of my house when I go to sell and have to disclose to a potential buyer the quarry activity nearby.

I can't speak to the other 6 standards but feel I have shown in my opinion the first 2 standards are not met. I understand there are already 9 quarries in Rutland Township. Do we really need another huge quarry?

Sincerely
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