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Dear ZLR and DNR staff:

I am writing regarding a repeat of violations regarding fill at the K&D quarry in Rutland. You observed and reported on the previous violations (8/27/24) and I'm requesting that you again investigate a massive amount of garbage and construction debris being buried at the site this past week. I am attaching recent photos taken from neighboring properties (Nov. 11 – 14).

When the ZLR permitted this new quarry (against the wishes of the community majority), residents were told this would be a mineral extraction operation, not a landfill. This aspect was downplayed by the pit owner and by your staff report. If neighbors understood the degree to which garbage and non-clean fill was being buried at this site, there would have been even greater pushback against your offices.

THIS IS OUR DRINKING WATER. Residents here are on private wells, and anything buried at this site finds its way into the groundwater. It appears that access to gravel is more important to Dane County than public health.

The ZLR committee decided this neighborhood should live with not just the noise and traffic of the quarry (which is exponentially greater than what was presented in the CUP application) but with the contamination of our groundwater.

During the August hearing the operator said, regarding the fill, "It's hard to tell what's in there". If they can't tell what's in there, then it is impossible for them to follow the rules about clean fill and they should not be accepting it. If they can not control what comes into their pit, how can they adhere to the CUP requirements? During the August hearing, when asked what K&D Stone would do to prevent this in the future, the operator answered he would work with your offices. This current activity is blatantly not adhering to the CUP requirements, as well as laughing in all our faces (yours and the township) because no one will make unannounced visits to the site to check on compliance.

Your offices have turned a blind eye to this – previous material was not removed on the schedule you provided, they were given extra time to correct the violations because there were so many, and the slap on the wrist was obviously not enough of a deterrent to prevent a repeat.

I am requesting another investigation, unannounced, with a requirement to remove all non-clean fill in the timely manner as stated in the CUP, and to immediately stop accepting construction debris. I would also request there be further, repeated, unannounced visits to assure continuous compliance. Please do not share my name with anyone who has any connection of any kind of relationship with K&D Stone. I do not want any further retaliation.

Please let me know how you intend to follow up. In the past, no one has bothered to reply directly to our concerns.

Regards,

Robyn Wood Town of Rutland