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To: Dane County Planning & Development Staff

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Hello Sirs,

I am writing you this letter in regards to the CUP 2594 – Conditional Use Permit for Temporary Concrete Batch Plant.

I've lived near the Kampmeier Quarry for decades. Over this time period much of the area has grown up around the pit. For some time I believed the quarry would close and the area would be turned into a park, featuring the Ward Mound Group. Although, after increased activity, the purchasing of adjoining farm property, and now this concrete plant, it does not seem to end. You'd think that being crushed by a giant moose would have been a sign to stop digging a long time ago.....

Every three to four days all summer my house shakes after they detonate explosives. The dust and dirt blowing out of this pit and all over the roads is likely way more than would be allowed (if in fact this operation had any permitted PM oversight?) I'm unsure; I have not found any record of this.

As it seems with many of Wisconsin laws, they include convenient caveats such as this:

Chapter NR 415

CONTROL OF PARTICULATE EMISSIONS

NR 415.075(4)(b)

(b) The owner or operator of a source may apply for, and the department may grant, a variance from the monitoring requirements of this subsection if the applicant demonstrates that the general public will not be exposed to significant levels of particulate matter from the source, and that the source's emissions units and processes are controlled to a level which meets all applicable requirements. The department may review any variance granted under this paragraph on a biennial basis. Following its review, the department may modify, extend or rescind the variance.

Considering the surrounding areas of the Wingra Stone Kampmeier Quarry have changed significantly, has anyone reviewed this variance with scrutiny and intent of protecting the thousands of citizens who live and try to relax near this quarry?

Has the owner operator demonstrated that the general public is not exposed to PM from this source? I have doubts that this has ever been done. If not, would it be possible for the department to take a look

at this? In light of the many people who now live within the impact zone. In addition, I believe it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Dane County, City of Madison, Village of McFarland to know what is in the dust and dirt that seems to be carelessly spewed all over the area by an endless train of dump trucks travelling in and out the Kampmeier Quarry.

This entrance is right across from many community centers and many folks trying to recreate, including the Madison curling club, McFarland Community Center and Ice Arena, a large soccer field, pickleball courts, playgrounds, skate park, and bocce courts.

The proposed routes of the CUP indicate an influx of even more trucks, cement trucks, and traffic noise pollution, PM, dust and traffic congestion.



In addition, this means many trucks idling and waiting within the pit, for the almost ½ mile road going in and out. This noise, dust, exhaust, from these trucks as well as, the noise, exhaust, pollution on nights and weekends, is not a welcome addition. We need a break, with the expansion of the interstate; I already go to bed and wake up every day to sounds of the gravel pit and the interstate. Loud booming exhaust, all day, every day >80 decibels.


The applicant suggests this will save money, I don't see any evidence of this? I see the applicant suggests that it will be running 20 days? Who will enforce this? Will it be a condition of their permit? The applicant also says they need to operate the plant on nights and weekends? Until 8pm?

Would this CUP have conditions? Or would this be at the discretion of the applicant to uphold the rules? What's to prevent the plant from running much more than they suggest? Will there be repercussions if not upheld?

It's been proven concrete plants contain toxic chemicals, who will be responsible for monitoring the correct use and handling of this material, how will we protected?

The plant already has proved to have toxic heavy metals that are spread all over Marsh Rd.

ICP-MS Analytical Report

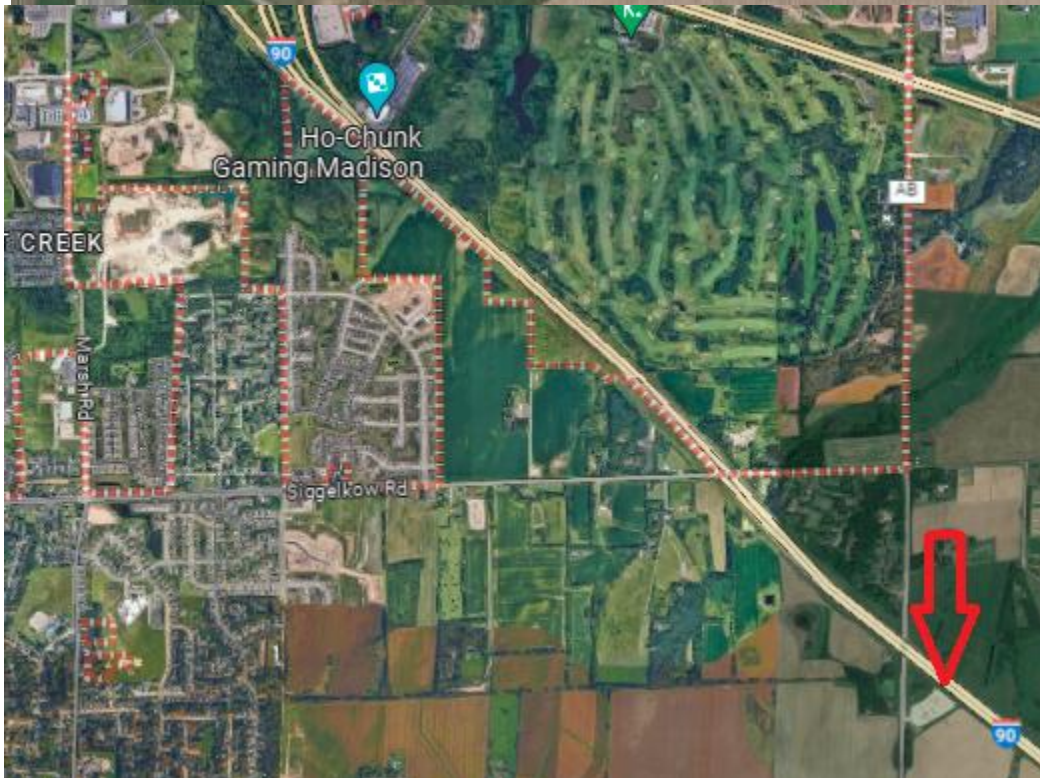
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Sample taken just north of the Kampmeier Quarry Entrance



To me, it seems more effective to build a new temporary concrete batch plant away from all of these residential homes, people and recreational facilities. On weekends, there are cars parked up and down the road for soccer tournaments, now you want to line up cement trucks and dump trucks into this entrance?

The site that this permit seems to service (Door Creek Rd overpass) has a huge area and numerous available sites. One was just operating recently a mile or so away and you can see its location below. There would be easier in and out and less congestion than trying to wind their way through the ½ mile quarry road.



Material could easily be brought in from their Stoughton facility, cement trucks could easily move freely up and down AB and keep this toxic dust, dirt, traffic, noise and pollution out of our community on weekdays, nights, and weekends. There is also any number of possible sites to erect this temporary batch plant including directly on the construction site.

Is there going to be an operational plan, and a hazardous waste plan? The applicant is going to placing a large amount of hazardous material in a hole directly next to our drinking water aquifer? The applicant wishes to enter our community and set-up a point source hazard along with the other hazards of this facility, such as toxic dust, fuel, and explosives, right next to our water? Who will ensure this won't be a disaster? At the very least, a temporary plant should be able to contain waste runoff, fuel spills and spills of toxic ingredients at ground surface levels, why bring it right down to our water table?

I truly believe we need to shift our priorities, look at the waste and error of Foxconn. Trying to entice businesses by giving breaks, money and services is not the answer. We need to protect our citizens, our workers, and their health and well being. Making Wisconsin and Dane County the best possible place to live and work with clean air, water, and free from noise pollution in our residential areas should be a major priority. When living and working here is the place folks want to be, companies will recognize this. We need to stop making caveats to aid "business", there are dozens of quarries in Dane County, and it's time to close this one.

Dear Sirs, please reject the application of CUP 2594. The residents surrounding the Wingra Stone Kampmeier Quarry don't need any more noise, pollution, toxic chemicals, dust, traffic, exhaust, or point source contamination of our water.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen and Resident for Decades

This letter will be published and forwarded to additional agencies and municipalities.