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I am writing in opposition of the expansion of an existing non-metallic mineral extraction operation CUP 2582 located West of 430 Center Road Stoughton, WI township of Rutland Section 28.

What is it like living next to a quarry? For the past 22 years I have resided at 3768 Old Stage Rd which is directly across the road from another existing stone quarry, mineral extraction site which is only about 2 miles from the quarry in opposition. Originally the quarry across from me was located way back in the field that it couldn't be seen from the road. Now, it has grown to where it has expanded almost to the road now.

The loud explosions from the dynamite that we experience, make my house tremble. I work from home and frankly when they blast their dynamite, it just startles the daylights out of me. It truly feels like an earthquake. I had my young grandchildren in my house one day when the dynamite went off and the glasses on my cupboards started to shake and the boys really thought we were having an earthquake!

With the blasting that I have experienced, I am particularly concerned about the new proposed quarry that butts up to a very large, beautiful cemetery. If approved, the dump trucks, the beeping of the equipment and sooner or later, the blasting, will surely affect the monuments there. Is that really resting in peace?

Located near my property, all day, every day is a concern and safety hazard of which I have had to grow accustomed to. One day, I was going to count the number of dump trucks that pass by east to west and west to east but lost count within an hour, so I gave up. I find it odd that the drivers are waving at each other as they pass by, not a care in the world. It is not safe for people to walk on our road and I am concerned when I do see someone walking as they have to go way down into the ditch to stop until the dump trucks have passed. Frankly, I'd wish the walkers would find another route for safety reasons. This will also happen on Center Rd. if this passes. Center Rd. is a great road to walk on, lots of room, lots of natural beauty, and a great place to even take your dog for a walk. Why wouldn't the neighbors want to conserve this? These are neighbors that have been here for many years before this proposal was even a thought.

We've paved our road a couple of times already due to the large amount of dump trucks that drive by. The quarry across from me sometimes runs 7 days/week and starts as early as 6 am and work into the dark of night. These are just a few things that the neighbors of this new proposed site will have to deal with if approved.

How many quarries do we really need in this township that are that close together? If approved, the traffic of these dump trucks going east to west, west to east will now will turn into north to south and south to north.

These are just a few of the facts that I have experienced living next to a quarry.

Respectfully Submitted,

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