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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council



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To Whom It May Concern;

I am a concerned house and landowner who would like to voice my concern over the expansion of a commercial gravel pit and crushing operation that is located at the SW junction of Washington Road and Sybille Creek Road west of Wheatland, WY.

Because my property is located next door, immediately south to the proposed gravel pit at 486 Sybille Creek Road, I have a vested interest as to how my life and property would and will be impacted by this expanded operation.

My concerns are as follows:

Concerns for wells and water quality/quantity. How will this mining affect the hydrology of the underlying sand and gravel aquifer? Could the aquifer become more vulnerable to contamination?

Fugitive dust a gravel pit can emit. How does DEQ monitor these levels? There are health concerns of living so close to continual exposure to dust in the air over a long period of time.

Increased travel. This proposed pits location requires travel along several miles of local roadways that are primarily used for residential and farm traffic. Increased traffic exposes residents to additional risk, as well as additional noise and dust pollution.

Property values. What assurances are there that property values will not be severely damaged? Commercial property next to farm and/or residential property devalues the land.

Aesthetic value. There already exists an open pit on Sybille Creek Road that has yet to be reclaimed. Can landowners expect the same reclamation efforts/results at the McGuire site? When this land is reclaimed...top soil has been replaced and ground reseeded...will there be huge depressions left in the landscape? My family's experience has been that very little oversight is used when reclaiming land. There is adjacent property to us in Casper that has been waiting over 25 years to be reclaimed!

In conclusion, my concerns are that property values and quality of life will be impacted. I also realize, in all probability, that a mining permit for expansion will be issued. The question is whether or not concerns of area residents will be addressed. What guidelines and/or reasonable restrictions can be placed on Croel Redi -Mix mining operations so that residents quality of life, property values, and safety and health issues are minimally impacted?

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessie Marie Buckingham".

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