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Comments

To: Mike Larson, Staff Director

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Concerning: Request for a hearing on both the Heartland Materials and Strack Excavating proposals for open pit mining operations at the Fruitland, Missouri sites.

Location: North East Corner of I-55 and Highway 61 at the Fruitland interchange consisting of approximately 35 acres owned by Fruitland Properties, LLC; Paul C Horn, managing member.

Reasons for opposition:

(1) Toxic gas released from explosives used in a populated area. See Website: "Blasting Fumes Health Effects."

(2) Inappropriate location for an open pit mine in a populated area with school and traffic safety considerations.

(3) Limestone dust accumulation on highway surfaces producing slick pavement road conditions when wet.

(4) Possible drop in water table causing a need to haul in water for everyday use. This was the case in Maybee, Michigan.

(5) Devaluation of property in the area as a result of shock waves from blasting which cause cracks in foundations and basements.