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**From:** Larsen, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2011 8:46 AM  
**To:** Zeaman, Bill  
**Subject:** FW: request for formal hearing on Strack quarry

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**From:** John Lochmann [mailto:loch6@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2010 10:03 AM  
**To:** Larsen, Mike  
**Subject:** request for formal hearing on Strack quarry

To the Land Reclamation Board,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the Strack Excavating quarry that has applied for a permit to operate in the Fruitland community. As a resident of Fruitland, I firmly believe this quarry will negatively affect the quality of life for myself, my family, and the people of this community. It also has the potential to stifle the long term growth and development of the Fruitland community.

My first concern for this quarry is the general location of the quarry in relation to the community. The proposed location for the Strack quarry is directly in the center of the Fruitland community. If approved, the quarry will be less than 600 ft from Saxony Lutheran High School, 400 ft. from Rhodes Gas, and less than 1200 ft from homes on Eli Drive. There are two daycares, an elementary school, and hundreds of homes and business that are less than a quarter of mile from the quarry site. Also, it is estimated that 200-300 trucks per day would be added to highway 61, which is the main thoroughfare in Fruitland. According to MoDOT traffic data, it is estimated that 9300 vehicles already travel that road daily. To propose that a quarry in this location would have no direct or indirect impact on the children, homes, and businesses that are in such close proximity is absolutely absurd.

Another concern with the proposed location of the Strack quarry is the potential impact of the quarry on the Fruitland water supply. Fruitland is a very populated area, and thousands depend on this water supply daily. There are several public wells within a close proximity to the proposed quarry location. I urge you to complete the proper studies to determine how this could possibly affect our water supply in the future, especially considering the unpredictable Karst

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typography we live in.

Lastly, a major concern for the people of this community lies not only in the presence of quarry within our community, but also in the owner/operator, J.W. Strack. Mr. Strack, as you are aware of, is currently the owner/operator of the limestone quarry on Highway 74 in Cape County. The Department of Natural Resources has already received numerous complaints regarding the inability of Mr. Strack to control the blasting and dust prevention measures at that site. In fact, according to the DNR website, *"The Department's Southeast Regional Office has received 44 complaints concerning Strack Excavating since May 12, 2008."* It is also on record that Mr. Stack's permit application for a 4 acre extension at that site was also denied citing similar concerns. Therefore, based on this evidence, it is my opinion that Strack Excavating, LLC, would not be a good neighbor to the Fruitland community.

As a result of the concerns cited above, I respectfully ask that an informal public hearing take place to discuss these issues. I also request that a formal courtroom hearing be granted so that further evidence could be presented to the Land Reclamation Board. Thank you for your consideration.

J.D. Lochmann

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**From:** Larsen, Mike  
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**Subject:** FW: NO QUARRIES IN FRUITLAND

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**From:** Patti Kirn [mailto:calmigmo1@cablerocket.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2010 11:06 AM  
**To:** Larsen, Mike  
**Subject:** NO QUARRIES IN FRUITLAND

To MO Dept. of Natural Resources: Land Reclamation Board,

We are writing to voice our opposition to the *Heartland Materials or Strack excavating* quarry

that has applied for a permit to operate in the Fruitland community.

*We live and drive through the*

*area everyday* and this situation affects us directly. We have many concerns regarding this permit which include but are not limited to health issues, public water supply, environment and safety.

As property owners and taxpayers, we have a right to a safe, clean environment to live in and urge you to complete the proper studies to determine how this could possibly effect the above concerns.

We adamantly oppose this quarry and respectfully ask that an informal public hearing take place to discuss these issues. We also request that a formal courtroom hearing be granted so that further evidence could be presented to the Land Reclamation Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Patricia A. Kirn  
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**From:** Larsen, Mike  
**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2011 8:47 AM  
**To:** Zeaman, Bill  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Strack Excavating, LLC Quarry Permit in Fruitland, MO

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**From:** Abby Petzoldt [mailto:abypetzoldt@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2010 4:50 PM  
**To:** Larsen, Mike  
**Subject:** Opposition to Strack Excavating, LLC Quarry Permit in Fruitland, MO

December 31, 2010

Director of the Land Reclamation Board,

I am sending you a letter today in opposition to the quarry permit that has been applied for by Strack Excavating, LLC to operate in Fruitland, MO. I live very close to the proposed quarry site in Fruitland and I have many concerns about the effects of a quarry on my family, my home, and our community.

My home is located less than one-quarter mile north of the proposed quarry site. I am concerned about the future of our water supply. My water comes from the Public Water Supply District and they have many wells which are located within a couple miles of the proposed quarry site. With the Karst type of geography, it is a huge risk to alter our water supply to establish a quarry in this area. There needs to be a very comprehensive and conclusive study on the long term effects on the thousands who depend on these wells and private wells. I am also concerned about my septic system, which was very expensive to install and the effects of long term blasting from a quarry will have on this system. I am also concerned about the long term structural damage to my home by the blasting from a quarry. Finally, I am very concerned about the devaluation of my home. All the negative perceptions of a quarry will most likely come to reality if I try to sell my home.

My wife has a small business a half mile from the proposed quarry site. Her business requires concentration from all workers in a calm, quiet environment. A shaky, noisy, dusty, and disruptive workplace would hurt the viability of this business. My wife has a right to do business in this community and to do so in its current calm and safe environment.

I have two small children. My four year old daughter is on medication to help with her asthma. All fugitive dust cannot be controlled from a quarry and the polluted air from a quarry very likely will amplify her breathing problems. My daughter also loves to play outdoors and the polluted air could keep her from enjoying the outdoors and affect her quality of life. A quarry will also most certainly have a negative effect on my family and all of my neighbors' day-to-day quality of life. Strack Excavating, LLC has a history of breaking air quality laws with his quarry along Highway 74 near Cape Girardeau, MO. What assurance does the community have that these laws won't also be broken at this quarry site also? The right to a safe and peaceful life for the many families in my neighborhood and community far outweighs the right for one individual to ruin our community for his financial gain with a quarry.

I have been a strong supporter of Saxony Lutheran High School since it was established. The viability of this business is not only important to the current students and parents of this high school, but future students and parents of this high school. A quarry next to this vibrant educational facility would without question have many negative effects. I, along with other fellow Lutherans in the area, are very concerned that a high quality educational experience cannot be sustained long-term with a dusty, noisy, disruptive quarry in their backyard. The safety of increased truck traffic near this high school is a recipe for disaster. With young drivers using the same road as trucks hauling quarry product, the risk is too great to the safety of these young drivers, who have a right to go back and forth to school on a safe road. All current and future students have a right to a clean and safe environment to learn in.

As a citizen of this wonderful, peaceful, and clean community, I am very opposed to this quarry and ask you to reject the permit

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application. I ask you to have an informal public hearing to discuss all issues that I and fellow citizens have. I would also like to request a formal courtroom hearing be granted so all evidence from our concerned community can be presented to the Land Reclamation Board. Thank you for your time.

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## **Zeaman, Bill**

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**From:** Larsen, Mike  
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**Subject:** FW: Strack Stone quarry  
**Attachments:** Quarry Letter.doc

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**From:** T Wunderlich [mailto:[twunderlich@saxonylutheranhigh.org](mailto:twunderlich@saxonylutheranhigh.org)]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 31, 2010 8:39 PM  
**To:** Larsen, Mike  
**Subject:** Strack Stone quarry

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you.

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December 29, 2010

Land Reclamation Board,

It has come to our attention that Strack Excavating has applied for a permit to operate a quarry very close to the campus of Saxony Lutheran High School. We are writing because we are most concerned about this situation and the impact a quarry would have on the ongoing livelihood of the school.

We are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Altenburg, one of the 25 churches who together form the ownership association for Saxony.

Our concern is about the future livelihood of the school should a quarry be granted a permit to operate so close to our grounds.

Our congregation, and all congregations in the association, has a multi-million dollar investment in this school, an investment that was made for current and future students. However, we fear that the future of our school may be irreparably harmed by this proposed development. Right now we are a growing, vibrant school, but the perception of a school so close to a dusty, noisy industrial site like this one will most likely keep many students from choosing to attend Saxony. Once this happens, the growth stops and the long-term livelihood looks more bleak as each year passes and the quarry gets bigger and bigger.

Our school was located here long before this permit was applied for and so we believe we should have a chance to explain our case more fully before any decisions are final. We respectfully ask that you give Saxony Lutheran High School a hearing about this permit so that all areas of its potential impact can be discussed in a public forum, openly and honestly.

In addition, as the music director of Saxony Lutheran High School, I, Tyson Wunderlich, believe a quarry would be a huge detriment to the practice and performance of music in our school. The additional noises from blasting would interfere with the music program, not only limiting our hope of future progress, but obliterating the progress we've been able to achieve to this point.

Sincerely,

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