

Paradise Watchdogs publish environmental report

Perkiomenville – PA – September 22, 2003. The Paradise Watchdogs today published the first in a series of reports on the environmental impact of a hard rock quarry, asphalt plant, and ready-mix concrete plant to residents of New Hanover Township.

This report on air quality issues was researched and written by Roger Buchanan, the Paradise Watchdog's Vice-president, as a statement to the Secretary of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Kathleen McGinty.

The report calls for the rejection of the Gibraltar Rock Inc.'s air quality plan, submitted to the DEP, because:

- It is inaccurate, incomplete, and fails to employ the best available technology.
- Recent scientific finding on health risk associated with super fine and invisible dust generated by quarry operations makes a quarry a health hazard for those living and working close to the proposed quarry.
- Super fine quarry generated dust acts as a trigger for those susceptible to asthmatic attacks and is harmful to those with heart and respiratory ailments.
- The proposed quarry is surrounded by open space that lacks trees and other natural filters to protect residents from super fine quarry dust.
- There are approximately 760 students and projected 1000 senior citizens in the proposed Heritage retirement village within ½ mile of the proposed quarry—both groups with low tolerance to quarry generated toxic air pollution.
- Most importantly, there is no one paying attention to protecting those who will be harmed. The DEP will not consider the impact of dust on the human environment, and New Hanover Township is severely limited in its ability to protect the health of those who live adjacent to an area zoned for industrial development.

The report, with a cover letter to Ms. McGinty, was mailed this week, with copies to local and state government representatives and environmental groups.

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About Paradise Watchdogs

The Paradise Watchdog, established in 1987, is a not-for-profit corporation that believes in the right of the people of Pennsylvania to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the environment.

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