

February 7, 2017

Mr. Daniel Everson  
Assistant Zoning Administrator  
Dane County, Wisconsin

Via Email

**Re: Town of Cross Plains Position on Mineral Extraction – Reclamation Plan – John Kalscheur/Yahara Materials**

Dear Mr. Everson:

I offer the following facts and position based on public discussion with affected neighbors at the Town of Cross Plains Plan Commission on Monday, February 6, 2017.

1. Longtime residents agree that a landfill operated on the subject property through most of the 1970s well before most regulations managing or eliminating hazardous and dangerous items from landfills. Mining of this site risks releasing any likely contaminants into the groundwater and neighboring properties – especially those located to the east of the subject property. The plan does not contemplate this issue. There is no insurance or bonding to deal with damage to property owners.
2. The plan does not address mitigating road damage and traffic safety issues. The road is not designed to accommodate quarry traffic weight limits and the road is not wide enough for regular truck use.
3. The proposed driveway location is not safe for ingress and egress and should not be immediately adjacent to the residential property on the west of the subject property. The property and drive are below the crest of a hill that already has an identified blind driveway on the adjacent parcel. Site line and speed analysis will need to be done to determine if and where a safe drive could be located for quarry use.
4. Megan Neuman and Brian Conti live at 9141 West Mineral Point Road and indicated:  
“Parcel# 020/0707-292-8420-0 is a 16 acre plot that extends south from Mineral Point Rd, adjacent to our house lot and extends behind it to the south -- we just purchased it (3 weeks ago, so Access Dane hasn't been updated yet, still shows the owner address as 210 Bassett). Oddly, that parcel includes a tiny sliver of land (0.18 acres) along Mineral Point Rd to the north, in the middle of this 40 acre land under discussion -- you can see it on the AccessDane website, and it is in our survey maps from the assessment. We have no idea why, it doesn't really make any sense geographically, but there it is. So, we own a little bit of that land under discussion, so want to make sure that the proposed mine/reclamation maps acknowledge it (and we

certainly don't want Yahara doing any changes to our little bit of land!).”

5. There has been documented damage to a well system of a property owner proximate to quarrying activities just east of Hwy 78 on West Mineral Point road. Houses are closer to the subject site than they are at the quarry much further west of this property. The probability of damage to adjacent property owners is high.

The Town is opposed to the proposed mining activities at this location. As you are aware, property owners who recently built or acquired properties in this area are surprised by these grandfathered sites and the proposition that they can be activated with no discussion and involvement or mitigation regarding health, safety and economic impacts to the Town and affected property owners.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Hyer". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal tail.

Greg Hyer, Chair  
Town of Cross Plains