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Mr. Karl Hildebrand
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Dear Mr. Hildebrand,

Thank you for your recent decision to extend the comment period with regards to the permit requested, Modification IMM-340-4, by Enon Sand and Gravel in Clark County. Let me also thank you and Mr. David Crow for his team's presence and presentation at the community meeting on March 7, 2017.

My reason for writing is to request that the change to the permit be denied. I am sure that your office has its own set of procedures and requirements for making this decision, and I definitely do not doubt your professionalism and expertise in making such decision. However, a community has grown up around the proposed location, which has changed all the dynamics involved. And by the way, the community just passed a bond issue to build ALL new schools. Expanded growth of the mining there, especially with blasting, would certainly negatively impact all.

Also, I have attached a letter from our Community and Economic Development Office which states for the company that due to multiple zoning issues, an approved Conditional Use Permit is required from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Since technically they are in non-compliance for such operations, granting a change to any permit for blasting would be premature without first meeting zoning requirements.

Again, thank you for taking the additional time and effort to get all the information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Lohnes, Col, USAF Retired
President, Clark County Board of Commissioners