



# GREENON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DATE: April 12, 2017

RE: Industrial Minerals Permit Modification: IMM-340-4 and A-340-1

TO: Karl Hildebrand, ODNR

The Greenon Local School District Board of Education strongly opposes the potential modifications of the permits above. These potential changes to the permits would allow the merging of IM-34 and IM-375 thus, resulting in deeper mining on the property. This aspect could potentially impact the water level for the district's Junior/Senior High School property. This also may affect the quality of the water for this property.

The potential modifications also may allow the opportunity for dewatering and blasting on this 389-acre property that lies adjacent to the Greenon Junior/Senior High School property. Another aspect that has not been thoroughly considered relates to the additional traffic flow of trucks hauling the limestone from the quarry. The area that this would involve is already a dangerous intersection (Tecumseh and Fairfield). With the addition of this traffic, our bus routes and stops will be impacted a great deal. These are serious concerns for our community. The impact from these proposed changes is clearly impacting our community in a negative manner. Discussions with the companies proposing the changes have resulted in more frustration and concern from the community.

Many agencies and officials in our area, including Ohio EPA, Clark County Community and Economic Development, Clark County Commissioner Richard Lohnes, Clark County Combined Health District, and Mad River Township Trustees, are adamantly opposed to these proposed modifications. At a recent community meeting hosted at Greenon Junior/Senior High School, there were nearly 300 community members present to share their concerns with representatives from ODNR and the Enon Sand and Gravel Company. It is critical that you carefully consider this decision and the ramifications presented by these proposed changes.

While we understand that this proposed change might seem small to those applying for them, it has a potentially negative impact on our district, community, citizens and students. We are already seeing these negative ramifications as we talk with community members who are terrified about prospective decreases in property value. Our community is a rural community and our quality of life stands to be altered due to these proposed permit changes. We strongly oppose this permit application.



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