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March 1, 2017

Mr. Karl Hildebrand
Environmental Specialist 1
Permitting
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mineral Resources Management
2045 Morse Road, Building H-2
Columbus, OH 43229-6693

Re: Industrial Minerals Permit Modification Application #IMM-340-4

Dear Mr. Hildebrand:

The Clark County Combined Health District has concerns in regard to the Industrial Minerals Permit Modification Application #IMM-340-4 submitted by Enon Sand & Gravel LLC.

The subject property is an area located in Mad River Township, Clark County, Ohio, where geology and ground water levels are of special concern as the majority of drinking water is generated from private water wells. A housing subdivision located adjacent to the mining property has several water wells that have tested positive for e-coli bacteria mainly due to the karst geology in the area. Wells drilled subsequent to these were drilled deeper in order to tap into a safer water supply.

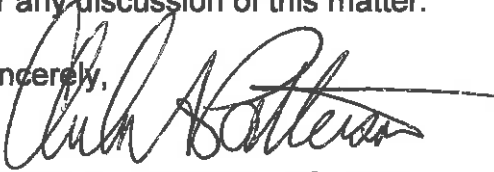
Mining deeper than previously permitted, and pumping and discharging water in order to facilitate mining, has the potential to negatively impact over two hundred private homes, a public high school, and small businesses in the area by reducing both the quantity and quality of the drinking water supply. In the event that water levels are harmed, and safety compromised, it would be costly to connect the homes and school to public water as the nearest is miles away and the homes and neighborhoods have considerable distances from each other.

While the Clark County Combined Health District supports economic development in our community, we would need further assurances regarding safety and supply of potable water in this area before we could support the deeper mining proposal.

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Please feel free to contact Larry Shaffer of our office at (937) 390-5600, extension 247, for any discussion of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Patterson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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