

# Proposed quarry will bring a host of ills

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In response to Lisa Neugebauer's "Area Realtors oppose quarry fearmongering" (Dec 7): I have been following this project for the better part of the last four years. I have been very attentive ---- I should say "involved" ---- quite personally, considering the fact that I live within the proximity of the proposed quarry site.

I am not sure if I can be impartial about this, but, I can tell you that I am very concerned about several issues. Two major concerns are in my mind.

First is the water that would be needed to keep this proposed operation running. Does anybody have any idea about the negative impact for all the avocado, grape, citrus and flower growers in the area? I can guarantee you they will be very unhappy when they will see their water bills skyrocket.

Second, and equally important, is the pollution. I will be able to guarantee you that the air quality will be greatly affected by such an operation, simply because right now, we know for sure that the jetstreams coming from the west to the east are only carrying fresh, unpolluted ocean breeze for the joy of our nostrils. What will happen when they start blasting?

I am a firm believer that we, as humans, are the creators of many good and bad things. In my book, this one belongs to the bad ones.

The areas most directly affected by this operation will be: Redhawk, Rainbow, Fallbrook, Santiago estates, Pechanga Resort & Casino, Paseo del Sol, Paloma del Sol, Temecula Creek Inn Golf Course and all the businesses along Highway 79 south all the way to the end.

Imagine the overwhelming joy of golf aficionados knowing, with their game, they will be silently awarded a multitude of silica and diesel particles deposited into their lungs forever.

Microscopic silica crystals enter deep into alveolar sacs of lungs. These are minuscule, sharp jagged crystals. They scar delicate lung tissues. The lung tissue will not be able to properly absorb oxygen; less absorption limits individuals from physically performing the most simple tasks in life, and eventually leads to death from silicosis. Check this site and have a blast: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/silicosis>.

I am no doctor. I just pay attention and read. Is it fair to say we are free of silica dust now? Yes.

Is it fair to say that if the Liberty Quarry is permitted, it will be logical that the level of microscopic silica crystals will be higher? Yes.

Who will tell the moms of all the toddlers with asthma and respiratory diseases that their children are at risk of exposure to this invisible, dangerous substance? What a mess will this be.

Warning to Granite: Do not mess with moms.

By the way ---- Realtors should get ready to add another disclosure to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement to

make sure that all folks trying to move into the area will be well aware that they are moving into the "Quarry City."