

**Responsible
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Dear Mr. Bergmann: RE: Troyer Brothers Mine - # SAJ- 2008-3793 (IP-hwb)

It is with amazement that the Responsible Growth Management Coalition (RGMC) reads the Public Notice of the pending proposal to construct and operate a limerock mine and processing facility in the protected DR/GR in Lee County! For the past twenty years, RGMC has been very involved in creating and protecting the DR/GR area in Lee Co.

For there to be a statement in the notice that an EIS is NOT required to permit a rock mine that is capable of producing some SEVEN MILLION TONS of Aggregate Per YEAR for the next THIRTY-FIVE YEARS is beyond belief! The very rock that they want to extract is the protective dome that keeps our main aquifer from collapse! Not to mention the long-term impacts of the de-watering, surface water sheetflow permanent interruptions, and the effects on wild-life!

Therefore, RGMC objects TOTALLY to the issuance of this permit, based on the above clearly valid reasons. RGMC has always advocated for sustainable development practices that link growth to local needs. This relates to infrastructure, environmental impacts, public space, and a safe accessible life style. Clearly the protection of the DR/GR falls in that realm!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Lee Gruninger

Bobbie Lee Gruninger, President of RGMC

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