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Subject: Fairness and Integrity of Aggregate License Applications  
Importance: High

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Currently there is an application for an aggregate license by St. Marys Cement between the Flamborough and Halton border .

As you know both communities are vigorously opposed to a quarry being located in such an environmentally significant area.

In researching the applications previously approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources verses those that have been denied, I have discovered an erroneous process unfolding over the past eight years.

Out of 235 aggregate license proposals posted from January 2001 to December 31 2008, the Ministry of Natural Resources has approved 229 proposals. The remaining 6 required no approval because they were "withdrawn by the applicant" or, because the 2 year time limit for the application had expired.

It has come to our attention that in spite of a overwhelming preponderance of information that suggests that this license should be turned down by the Ministry of Natural Resources , the likelihood of a denial is nonexistent given the Ministry's history of approvals.

With the McGuinty government record on environmental protections, this clearly speaks to a need by your government to seriously review what is occurring at the MNR level. Obviously your record number of initiatives to monitor, enforce, and protect the environment are not being adhered to in this regard. The lands in question before the MNR are in, on, or around these provincially significant features, and if a dignified evaluation took place, would ensure denial of the license. However, given the statistics recently exposed indicates our likelihood of a successful appeal with MNR to be non-existent.

Respectfully, I do wish to know what evaluation has taken place at the Provincial level to inject some fairness and integrity into what clearly is a one sided battle with all the ammunition decidedly in favor of the applicant here.

Sincerely

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