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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: Iron Mountain Quarry
SEPA review for proposed hard rock mining at New Shine Quarry

Dear Ken:

We are in receipt of correspondence from Stacie Hoskins, of the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, dated December 3, 2010 pertaining to SEPA review of the New Shine Quarry storm water permit application. Ms. Hoskins's correspondence responds to my letter to you of October 14, 2010, in which Iron Mountain Quarry ("IMQ") requested the following information:

1. Please identify the specific issues of concern that the County believes could result in probable significant adverse impacts to the environment based upon the proposed Project. Such information should be in sufficient detail to allow IMQ to evaluate the concerns, provide an assessment to the County, and propose mitigation if necessary.
2. For each of the issues of concern identified in item 1 above, please identify any additional mitigation measures or Project conditions that the County believes would reduce the impacts to a level below "significance."
3. For each of the issues of concern identified in item 1 above, please state why compliance with applicable statutory requirements or regulations will not reduce impacts to a level below "significance" and state the basis for the County's conclusion.

We recognize that the County has addressed the first of these requests with regard to some of the items listed in Ms. Hoskins's recent letter. We note, however, that perhaps with the exception of comments pertaining to the Community Noise Assessment, the County has not responded to the second or third requests noted above. Can you please confirm that the County intends to do so?

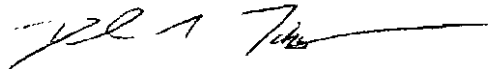
We also look forward to a more specific description of those items that Ms. Hoskins has identified as "Miscellaneous Issues," which will allow us to provide a substantive response to the County.

IMQ is continuing to assess Ms. Hoskins's comments and will develop a response to the County's specific concerns. Moreover, we anticipate the need for a face to face meeting in the near future between principals, staff, and counsel to further clarify issues, define specific thresholds and standards that will allow IMQ to propose effective mitigation measures or project conditions to address impacts to a level below "significance," and to establish a timeline for completion of the SEPA review. I hope to contact you within the next week or so to arrange such a meeting.

IMQ looks forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

GORDONDERR LLP

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

Dale Johnson

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