

# BLM MINING PROJECT UPDATE

SOME GOOD NEWS - MARCIA KOSTERKA REPORTED THAT THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HAS FINALLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE TWO COMPANIES, CEMEX AND SERVICE ROCK CORP., THAT STATES THEY HAVE OFFICIALLY ELIMINATED THE ASPHALT PLANT FROM THE PLANS.

THAT STILL LEAVES, HOWEVER, THE LARGEST OPEN PIT MINE PROPOSAL EVER SUBMITTED TO THE LAS VEGAS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR APPROVAL. THAT OPEN PIT MINE IS JUST 3 MILES FROM SUN CITY ANTHEM. IF INSPIRADA EVER GETS BUILT, AND IT WILL SOME DAY, THOSE HOMES WILL BE JUST ABOUT ONE MILE AWAY FROM THE PIT. BEING SO CLOSE TO THE OPEN PIT, THE VALUE OF THOSE HOMES WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED, AND THAT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR HOME VALUES AS WELL.

JUST TWO DAYS AGO, WE EXPERIENCED ONE OF OUR FREQUENT WIND STORMS. FROM AREAS OF SUN CITY ANTHEM WHERE YOU CAN NORMALLY SEE THE STRIP, THE STRIP WAS TOTALLY OBLITERATED BY THE DUST IN THE AIR. WE WERE ALL BREATHING IN THAT POLLUTED AIR. IF THE PROPOSED OPEN PIT MINE IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE, IT WILL BE ADDING EVEN MORE POLLUTANTS TO THE AIR.

WHILE WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONSERVE WATER, THE MINING COMPANIES ANTICIPATE THAT WATER USAGE FOR THEIR MINING ACTIVITY WILL BE 1600 GALLONS PER MINUTE. THAT USAGE RATE AMOUNTS TO 96,000 GALLONS PER HOUR AND THE COMPANIES ARE ASKING FOR A 24 HOUR OPERATION 7 DAYS PER WEEK. THAT RATE OF USAGE AMOUNTS TO 2,304,000 GALLONS OF SCARCE WATER EVERY DAY. THAT'S 2 MILLION, 304 THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER EVERY DAY, 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS PER WEEK.

IN 2007, BARELY 2 YEARS AGO, THE CDC, THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ISSUED A BULLETIN THAT STATED THAT CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN VALLEY FEVER AND THAT THE SPOORS THAT CAUSE THAT DISEASE ARE SPREAD BY SOIL DISTURBING ACTIVITY. IF THE COMPANIES HAVE THEIR WAY, THERE WILL BE DIGGING, BLASTING AND OTHER SOIL DISTURBING ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA FOR 30 YEARS, AND THEIR PRESENT APPLICATION ASKS FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE 7 DAYS PER WEEK, AND 24 HOURS PER DAY.

THE EQUIPMENT USED DURING THIS CONTINUOUS OPERATION INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, TRUCKS, DRILLS, CRANES, JAW CRUSHERS, DIESEL GENERATORS, EXCAVATORS

AND BULLDOZERS. TRUCKS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT WILL BE TRAVELING ON DUSTY ROADS DAY AND NIGHT.

ONE LAST CAUSE OF CONCERN IS; IF ONCE THESE COMPANIES GET A Foothold AND HAVE ACQUIRED THEIR OPEN PIT MINE, HAVE BUILT THERE BUILDINGS, AND HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR PRESENCE CLOSE TO OUR COMMUNITY, WHEN OUR ECONOMY IMPROVES, AND THE NEED FOR MORE HOMES AND PARTICULARLY ROADS AND EVEN A NEW MAJOR AIR STRIP NEAR PRIMM BECOMES A REALITY, DON'T YOU THINK THERES A VERY GOOD CHANCE THAT A NEW PROPOSAL FOR AN ASPHALT PLANT WILL BE INITIATED AND WOULDN'T THE LOGICAL PLACE TO PUT THAT PLANT BE RIGHT NEXT TO THAT OPEN PIT MINE WHERE MUCH OF THE NEEDED MATERIAL FOR PAVEMENT WILL COME FROM???

OUR SUN CITY ANTHEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS STRONGLY SUPPORTING AND PARTICIPATING IN OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT AND WE ARE JOINED IN THIS FIGHT BY ANTHEM HIGHLANDS, MADEIRA CANYON, SOLERA AND ANTHEM COUNTRY CLUB. WE HAVE CONTACTED 7 HILLS AND COVENTRY BUT, SADLY, HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE FROM EITHER OF THOSE COMMUNITIES.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SIGNED A PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MINING PROJECT, THE PETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE ANTHEM CENTER, ACROSS FROM THE RECEPTION DESK, IN THE GYM AREA AND IN INDEPENDENCE HALL. WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 5000 SIGNATURES. HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET AT LEAST 10,000.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS DANGER TO OUR HEALTH AND WELFARE DEPENDS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF ANTHEM RESIDENTS. DON'T RELY ON YOUR NEIGHBORS TO SIGN THE PETITION AND WRITE YOUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS. **YOU MUST DO YOUR PART** BY SIGNING THE PETITION AND WRITING LETTERS OF OPPOSITION TO :

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