

Sun City Anthem Resident Work Group: Open Pit Mine Opposition

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To our fellow Sun City Anthem Residents,

As you are aware, two corporations, CEMEX and Service Rock have filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management to develop an open pit mine just 3 miles from the Anthem area. One major concern is that the prevailing winds will bring additional dust pollution into our area.

Secondly, although we as homeowners, have been requested to conserve water, the application on file states that just one of many machines to be used in the extraction of mining materials will use 1600 gallons of water PER MINUTE. In addition to that water use, the corporations state that they will use even more water in an effort to hold down the dust pollution, a practice which has obtained little success by other developers.

If those two reasons are not enough to cause concern, two years ago the Center for Disease Control issued a bulletin warning that there has been an increase of Valley Fever in Nevada, California, New Mexico and Arizona. The spores in the soil that cause that disease are spread by soil disturbing activity. Obviously the development of this large open pit mine will cause a great deal of soil disturbance. The activity at this open pit mine will be for 10 to 30 years.

In order to convince the Bureau of Land Management to reject this application, all of us need to write to our Federal Government representatives and let them know that we oppose this unhealthy and wasteful development and that we want them to convince the Bureau of Land Management to reject the proposal.

Using the attached list, all our congressional representatives can be reached by Email. When writing or Emailing, you must state your reason or reasons for objecting to this project: i.e. more dust pollution, excessive water use, health concerns (asthma, respiratory problems), project incompatible with current housing in area, noise from heavy machinery particularly at night etc.

We need to have thousands of emails and/or letters sent to our Representatives in Congress and to the Bureau of Land Management. If we all do our part, we will not suffer the consequences of this ill conceived plan. Please help your neighbors and yourself.

For more information, please contact George Meese at Email: nevgem1@embargmail.com or phone: (702) 407-0970.
