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Dear Ms. Thu Bui,

I sent the following letter to the editor of the Los Altos Town Crier in April:

The April 1st edition of the LATC had 3 letters responding to earlier articles about the local quarry. Unfortunately, all 3 missed the most significant point. Ridge top scars, scenic backdrops for north county residents and reclamation of mined areas are of little importance when compared to the daily pollution to the local communities caused by the quarry's daily output.

In my 72 years of existence, I have lived on the east coast, west coast, in Europe as well as Asia (sometimes in some third world areas) and never have I been subjected to so much dust pollution as I have since living on Redwood Avenue, Los Altos.

It is time for the many government agencies from, federal all the way down to local, to demand the

closure of this polluting company. They may have had protection in earlier years from closure but the pollution has gotten too great for it to be ignored any longer.

When this facility was established, there were hardly any houses within a five mile radius. Today, this facility is surrounded by houses, schools, hospitals and retirement homes, all of which suffer from the pollution generated by the open-pit mining being done. It has outlived its usefulness and should not have its permit renewed. I would very much like to see the pollution test data results for the Redwood Dr/Vineyard Dr area of Los Altos. If no tests have been performed, they should be before any permit is issued. The same applies to schools and hospitals in the area and especially the SunnyView Retirement Home which is very close to this facility.

Sincerely,

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