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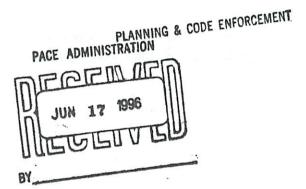
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Mr. C. Edmon Larrimore
Maryland Department of the Environment
Water Management Administration
Minerals, Oils and Gas Division
Tawes State Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Larrimore:



Re: Permit 96-SP-0500 - Chesapeake Terrace, Inc.

This letter of concern addresses the permit application by Chesapeake Terrace, Inc. for sand and gravel mining operations on a 46 acre site adjacent to the Wilson Town Community on Conway Road. The proposed haul road, the third proposed by the applicant to date, runs from the site to a point on Conway Road 200 feet east of Saint John AME Zion Church through the Wilson Town community.

Community reaction to the public hearing conducted on June 3, 1996 clearing presents a case of considerable concern regarding the impacts on the residents of the area, in particular the safety hazards due to increase heavy truck traffic, noise, vibration, air pollution, potential devaluation of property values and very negative factors for the quality of life for residents of the area.

It is obvious that the proposed operation will have a grave impact on the environment. MDE must consider testimony presented as it related to potential pollution of the wetlands and possible flooding conditions that could have a very detrimental affect on the Patuxent River as well as the plant life and endangered fish. In addition the impacts to historic sites and roads need to be considered. The applicant has proposed three different locations for the haul road to date with little thought given to environmental issues or public impact. Since it appears that Mr. Halle doesn't care abut the welfare of the land, water and people it is time for MDE to take positive actions.

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We cannot imagine that the potential economic benefit of the proposed mining operation and the possible employment opportunities it may offer could be competent reason for the grossly negative impacts on the environment and the community that approval of this application would dictate.

The Crofton Civic Association, Inc. vigorously recommends that the application by Chesapeake Terrace, Inc.for a permit to mine the aforementioned site be denied.

Sincerely,

Edwin F. Dosek

President

cc: Senator John Cade

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