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MVP'S ATTORNEYS UNCOVER EVIDENCE THAT CHEVREAU'S OPERATIONS MAY VIOLATE COUNTY CODES & THEIR PERMITS!

After conducting two months of research, MVP's attorneys have gathered **evidence that Chevreaux's operations exceed the scope permitted by the County.** They also found that under County code at that time, the controversial 1972 asphalt permit LDA-786 has lapsed.

In a letter to the County, MVP's attorneys provide documents and photographs supporting the conclusion that "It appears that **Chevreaux's operations are in violation** of [Conditional Use Permit (CUP)] LD-1030 as quarrying is occurring outside the of the CUP boundary ...The available public records make clear that **the County never anticipated – and thus never approved – a surface mining operation at the Quarry on the scale of Chevreaux's present operation.**" (*emphasis added*)

The letter adds that "MVP is greatly concerned about the fair and uniform application of the County's zoning ordinance that regulates the use of private property in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the County as a whole."

While hampered by missing documents (like the 1971 asphalt permit LDA-691) and incomplete records of meetings, the attorneys documented questionable actions and inconsistent conclusions over the past fifty years:

- confusing "in-stream sand and gravel mining" established in the 1940's with "a surface mining and processing operation" that only commenced under Permit LD-1030 in the mid-1960's.
- ignoring testimony by the original quarry operator, estimating quarry traffic at "not more than 20 trucks a day."
- asserting "vested rights" for mining on parcels that did not qualify under the County's code.
- accepting the Quarry's Reclamation Plan without applying the County's own land use and zoning standards.

MVP's attorneys have asked to meet County Counsel to discuss the information they offered in the letter, and we're looking forward to this meeting. **MVP hopes this will help the County to enforce its codes fairly – and support citizens' concerns!**



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