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Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

March 13, 1996

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Sincerely,

Virginia J. Keppel  
13219 Newberry Rd.  
Gainesville, FL 32606  
Ph. 332-1188

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*Benjamin A. Keppel*

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phone 352-1188*

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Cheryl L. Gehlke RD

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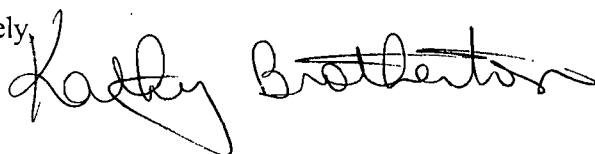
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*Mitchell J. ...*  
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*Stacia M. Bartolomei*

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MICHAEL J. BRINTA

ONE MORE VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN OF  
Alachua County who vehemently opposes the  
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*Sandra L. LaRose*  
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Gainesville, FL 32609

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ARCHER, FL 32618

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ERIC H. MIDDLEBROOK,

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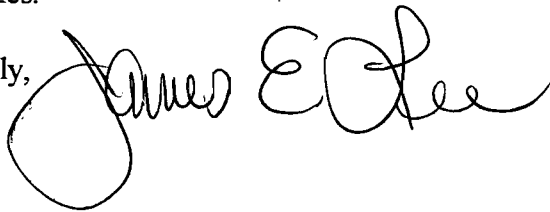
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*Stirley T. Harris*

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*Betty M. Griffith*  
*W. C. Griffith*



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*James Dobbie*  
*09814 NW 59 PL*  
*Gainesville, FL 32653*

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*Nancy Upthegrove*

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D. F. Gel

H. FAGAN AROUH

7419 NW 21 CT.

GVL., FL. 32653

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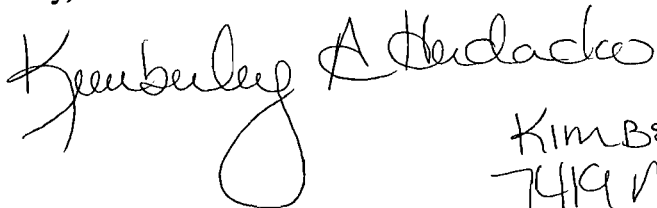
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7419 NW 21st CT  
GULF, FL 32653

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Sincerely,

Theresa B. Archard  
P.O. Box 655  
Newberry FL 32669



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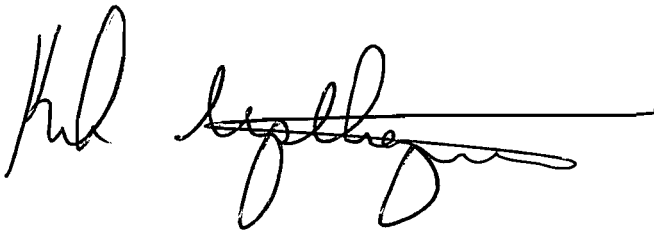
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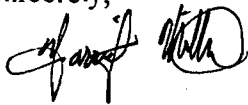
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Sincerely,

*Charles Branch*  
1930 NW 35th St  
Gainesville, FL 32605

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Mari-Ann Powell  
3825 ~~Newberry Rd~~ NW 170th St  
Newberry, FL 32669

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Tom & Lisa Koch

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Lisa C. Koch

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District 22 State House Representative  
424 House Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Sincerely,

  
Box 69  
Newberry, FL 32669

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*Sue Harms*  
SUE HARMS  
7010 NW 200<sup>th</sup> TERR.  
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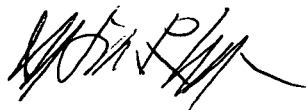
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18313 NW. 32nd Ave.  
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Sincerely,

James & Lydia Lee  
27224 SW 30th Ave  
Newberry, Florida 32669  
352-472-6037

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*Mary L. Jackson*  
*21004 N.W. 46th Ave.*  
*Alachua, Florida 32615*

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Wayne R. Cribbs  
Sharon A. Cribbs

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Sincerely,

*Gileen A. Ahlquist*

*P.S. I hope you can find the time to visit some of the beautiful springs and pristine rivers in our area. They are priceless gems that need to be protected for future generations. Thank you for your valuable time! Gileen*

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Kristin Herzog  
9929 SW 56th Ln  
Gainesville, FL  
32608

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Dear Secretary Wetherell,

I do not support the proposed cement plant in Wachuwa Co. It seems this facility needs to be much more efficient & rendered less-polluting than the plans currently indicate. This would be hazardous in this area of the state due to the natural springs & effect on a large population.

Sincerely,

Dan Fox  
6909 NW 51 TER,  
OWENSVILLE, FL 32653

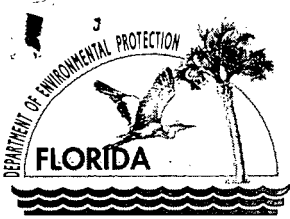
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Lawton Chiles  
Governor

Twin Towers Office Building  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Virginia B. Wetherell  
Secretary

July 17, 1996

Mara and Bill Huey  
17118 138th Avenue, Northwest  
Alachua, Florida 32615

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Huey:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Wetherell about the proposed cement plant in Newberry. She asked me to write to you on her behalf.

As I'm sure you know, the zoning and planning issues were recently adjudicated in court. The actions taken by the local government were upheld. The Department of Environmental Protection had no legal authority to intervene in such proceedings.

As a result of a petition, an administrative hearing was held in Gainesville from February 26 through March 7 to address the issues about the air construction permit for the cement plant. The applicant, Florida Rock Industries, and the petitioner, the Haile Community Association, have outlined their cases. Testimony has been taken from the public as well. A number of concerns related to health effects, air pollution control, water resources, farming, and truck traffic have been heard and entered into the record.

A deadline of April 30 was established for the DEP, Florida Rock Industries, and the Haile Community Association each to submit separate Proposed Recommended Orders to the hearing officer. The hearing officer and the parties agreed that after the Proposed Recommended Orders are completed, she will have approximately forty (40) days to issue her recommendation, which will be based on the facts and the law.

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Mr. and Mrs. Huey  
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Thank you for writing to express your concerns and also for your interest in the environment. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Al Linero, Division of Air Resources Management, Department of Environmental Protection, Mail Station 5505, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400 or at 904/488-1344.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Rhodes, Director  
Division of Air Resources  
Management

HLR/al/t

**Mara & Bill Huey**

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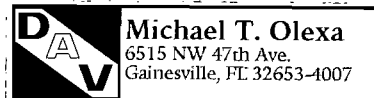
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JUN 14 1996

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Ann Steriotis*

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21413 N.W. 52nd Place  
Newberry, Fl. 32669

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Alachua, Florida 32615

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June 13, 1996

Florida D.E.P.  
Secretary Virginia WetherellRE: Florida Rock Application  
ALACHUA COUNTY CEMENT PLANT SITE

This strongly suggests denial of the proposed air pollution permit to Florida Rock Industries. No potential economic benefit can possibly offset the environmental impact of such a plant less than 10 miles upwind of Florida's largest city in North Central Florida.

Alachua County is growing at the fastest rate in the state, in population terms, requiring careful guardianship of air and water quality. This plant will ultimately have an overall negative economic impact. Please refuse the permit!

Thank You,  
Richard and Nadine Vanden Bosch

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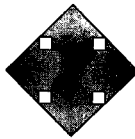
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Dear Mrs Wetherell

I'm writing regarding the request by Florida Rock to build a cement plant in Alachua County. Needless to say lack of articles regarding this matter in local papers are very few thereby not giving local citizens any input regarding this matter. I believe the majority would not approve of more pollutants being released into the atmosphere & also into ground water. My understanding is that not all emissions will be toxic & we certainly don't need this. Many thanks for any & all assistance you can give regarding the matter.

Sincerely  
T. A. Nelson

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May 24, 1996

Virginia Weatherall  
FL DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Virginia Weatherall:

I am writing this letter as a resident of the Haile area of Newberry and as a vehement opponent of the proposed Florida Rock Industry Cement Plant. As you are no doubt well aware, this poses a certain, dangerous health situation for the people who live in this area. As a Registered Nurse and person with allergies, I am appalled that a cement plant with its attendant pollution (dust, hazardous materials and noise) is being seriously considered in this area.

I strongly urge you to VETO this proposal and safeguard the health of the people who live in this area. We are a community of professionals, organic farmers, large dairy/livestock owners (not to mention the retired elders in fragile health) and would all be adversely affected by this proposal.

I will be awaiting your response to my letter. I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter of life and death for the people in this area.

Sincerely,

Kerren Kloeber RNC CDONA/LTC  
SENIOR SERVICES NETWORK

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MAY 22 1996

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

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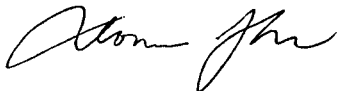
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Sincerely,



DONNA LEE

7330 NW 52ND TERR

GAINESVILLE, FL 32653

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Sincerely,

Mary Q. Sammons

P. O. Box 1415

Newberry FL 32669

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Sincerely,

*Leslie Z. Jackson*

*Received May 14 '96*

Donald + Dorothy Willingham  
P.O. Box 512  
Newberry Fl 32269  
May 17, 1996

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MAY 21 1996

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Mrs. Virginia Wetherell  
Secretary  
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee Fl 32399-3000

Dear Mrs. Wetherell,

We are opposed to the addition of a portland cement manufacturing plant near our home and in our community. We moved here 25 years ago from Miami to enjoy more healthful living conditions. The construction of the huge plant facility will destroy much of the pleasures of our area.

Many areas of Florida remain undeveloped and it seems to us that this area, a fine agricultural + cattle raising area is NOT the place to plant a plant such as the one being considered.

We appeal to you to protect our health and welfare by issuing an order to prevent the building of the air + water polluting cement plant.

As a quadriplegic, Donald needs the best quality air to breathe. Such a plant as is being considered will most certainly compromise his breathing.

We also fear for our water supply for ourselves and our cattle.

Please - VOTE NO! Many lives are at stake. Are not we more important than monetary considerations?

Thank you for listening and considering our dilemma and plea.

Sincerely,  
Donald and Dorothy Willingham

May 15, 1996

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16021 NW 74th Avenue  
Alachua, Florida 32615

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Sincerely,

Howard L. Rhodes, Director  
Division of Air Resources  
Management

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May 09, 1996

Virginia Wetherell  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

DEP Secretary,

Bulverde, Texas people  
winning a defeat against  
a concrete batch making plant  
is beginning to look like our  
Gainesville citizenry.

Our town west area  
is especially being already  
effected by the Homosassa-  
Crystal River, Florida  
nuclear power facility.

Their employee has a tumor  
in her body due to the effected  
environment of her job  
product.

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Gainesville north central Florida farm industry is what our citizens consider job industry. Agreeable are county commission discussions.

Unless the nuclear power plant is dysfunctional and the area east and west of Crystal River brought to a healthy condition the deleterious mental condition effect of tumors caused by the nuclear particles will bring about great disfavor with all those keeping the nuclear power plant functional.

medical records of people may be brought to court



showing cause and effect.

Appearing are articles in the local newspapers toward our local and area citizenry are not being served well by Tallahassee in that the nuclear power plant is causing extreme effects to our Florida citizenry—where Tallahassee is not responsive enough to local concerns.

The local electronics problems are being dealt with in civil court.

Never try to make a deal with other areas for electrical ruining our ability to keep our area satisfactory of



living conditions.

Please assist our  
Farming industry by  
closing down the health  
hazardous nuclear  
power plant.

The dust from the  
Cement plant with a  
wind from the west is  
destroying our towns  
chances of having clean  
air.

Mildred Elene Kamely

Native Floridian  
psychologist

~~5826 NW 29 Street~~

5826 NW 29 Street  
Gainesville, Florida  
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DIVISION OF AIR  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MAY 15 1996

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Dear Virginia -

I have been a resident of Grimesville for  
thirteen years - and I have loved living here  
the people and the trees and nature -

I am against the 200,000 ton per year  
portland cement plant - water pollution  
air pollution - noise - and more. I don't  
think time is money but I do think  
health is wealth - I hope you do the  
right thing and ~~op~~ I oppose and I  
hope you do -

thanks

A. Knight

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## DISCOURSE ON THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF FREE INQUIRY

- ~do not accept anything through revelation.*
- ~do not accept anything through tradition.  
handed down from the past.*
- ~do not accept anything through hearsay.*
- ~do not accept anything because it accords with  
the scriptures.*
- ~do not accept anything through logic.*
- ~do not accept anything because it is a point of  
view.*
- ~do not accept anything through having con-  
sidered the reasons.*
- ~do not accept anything because one is con-  
vinced of some theory.*
- ~do not accept anything through the testimony  
of some reliable person.*
- ~do not accept anything thinking, 'this person  
is a respected preacher.'*

BUT AFTER OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS, WHEN YOU  
FIND THAT ANYTHING AGREES WITH REASON AND IS  
CONDUCTIVE TO THE GOOD AND BENEFIT OF ONE AND  
ALL THEN ACCEPT IT AND LIVE UP TO IT.

-THE BUDDHA-

ANGUTTARA-NIKAYA

(BOOK OF THE GRADUAL SAYINGS-TRIPITAKA)

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Sincerely,

 — a registered voter

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Governor

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Virginia B. Wetherell  
Secretary

May 3, 1996

Ms. Valerie Jones  
(904) 378-0451 [FAX #]  
Gainesville, Florida

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Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Fadely  
14030 Northwest 49th Avenue  
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Virginia Wetherell, FL DEP Secretary  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Madam,

We would like to express concern over the proposed cement plant. Our family lives within the five mile pollution level. We all have severe allergies and located in this area because of the lack of pollution. We will be forced to put our house up for sale and move if the plant is built. DEP cement plan permit conditions do not adequately protect people and their environment. This plant should be built in a less populated area.

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Fadely

1128 SW 154th Street  
Newberry, FL 32669  
April 4, 1996

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Greetings:

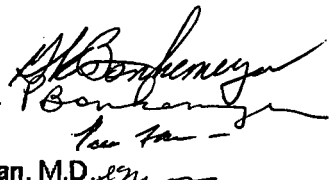
We add our names to the long list of local residents who are stunned and appalled at the prospect of a cement plant being built in our neighborhood. With the University of Florida nearby, how can officials have possibly failed to use their wisdom of ecology and medicine in making this decision? Were there no health and environment risk, it would still be offensive to this entire area to approve this plant in the face of such near-total opposition by land owners/residents.

Every indication is that Gainesville is growing directly into the path of emissions from this proposed plant. We and our daughter and her family researched, we thought, very carefully two years ago when we purchased ten acres with one home and one to be built soon thereafter. Our investment is considerable, but nothing compared to the health of two children who suffer from respiratory illnesses.

When such arbitrary decisions are made, it reinforces opinions that elected and appointed officials do not listen to their constituents nor do they make wise decisions for the future of their communities. We urge you to listen, to reconsider. There is certainly fallow land which could be used elsewhere without ill effect, without jeopardizing the health and economic growth west of Gainesville.

Sincerely,

George K. Bonkemeyer  
Patricia H. Bonkemeyer  
Terance F. Millan, M.D.  
Susan Bonkemeyer Millan, M.D.  
Patrick Millan, Age 7  
Luke Millan, Age 5



Patrick  
LUKE



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3. *H. L. Rhodes*

1. *Al Linn*

2. *Clara Jones*

5. *Him*

PLEASE PREPARE REPLY FOR:

- SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- DIV/DIST DIR SIGNATURE
- MY SIGNATURE
- YOUR SIGNATURE
- DUE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION/DISPOSITION

- DISCUSS WITH ME
- COMMENTS/ADVISE
- REVIEW AND RETURN
- SET UP MEETING
- FOR YOUR INFORMATION
- HANDLE APPROPRIATELY
- INITIAL AND FORWARD
- SHARE WITH STAFF
- FOR YOUR FILES

COMMENTS:

*This is in response to the most recent batch of letters to the Secretary. We only answered those which were not form letters.*

*This letter is almost identical to the latest version we prepared for Jack Pons for governor.*

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FROM: *Kanawh*

DATE: *5/2/96* PHONE: *1-9535*

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MAY 01 1996

BUREAU OF  
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Ms. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

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Sincerely,

*me & Mrs J. Michael Summer*



*Air Res.*

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The Honorable Bob Casey, MD  
District 22 State House Representative  
424 House Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

Dear Representative Casey:

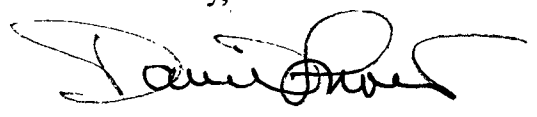
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

*Elaine Snow*

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28 April 1996

Dear Virginia Wetherell:

We have been reading a great deal about the proposed cement plant at the Newberry site. We are convinced that it will degrade the air and water in this area significantly and request that you do what you can to keep it from being constructed. We have deep concerns around the pollution such a plant will bring. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

*Diane & Ted Runions.*

Diane and Ted Runions  
2245 NW 5th Place  
Gainesville, Fl. 32603

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Sincerely,



*Air Res.*

Gary White  
2323-1E SW 35th Pl.  
Gainesville FL 32608

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April 22, 1996

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Virginia Wetherell  
Department of Environmental Protection

Dear Ms. Wetherell:

I would like to register my extreme dissatisfaction with the Alachua County Commission's actions in approving the construction of the Florida Rock Industries cement plant near Gainesville. The opinions of a wide range of environmental and health officials make it clear that this facility would greatly damage the quality of life in Alachua County.

The cement plant would be a mistake even if it yielded a significant number of new jobs. It's unthinkable that the commission would disregard the many environmental problems associated with such a facility for the sake of 80 jobs at best.

Commissioners have shown a regrettable unwillingness to allow open debate on this issue. They prematurely approved the plan without considering either the available evidence about the dangers of such a plant or the opinions of their constituents.

Please do your part to ensure that Alachua County will retain the healthy environment that makes it such an appealing place to live. Please do not allow the development of this dangerous facility in our county.

Sincerely,



Gary White

DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

APR 25 1996

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

4702 SW 76th Terr.  
Gainesville, Fl.32608  
16 April 1996

Secretary Virginia Wetherell  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.,  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-3000

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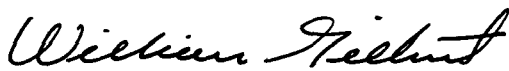
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Dear Secretary Wetherell,

Mostly on the basis of the attached letter from our Environmental Protection Advisory Committee addressed to our county commissioners I request that Florida Rock Industries, Inc.'s application for a special use permit *be denied in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the residents of Alachua and surrounding counties.* I believe the reasoning for this is obvious in the enclosed letter which addresses particulate matter and kiln dust.

The existing permitting conditions are most inadequate to protect the health and safety of people.

Sincerely,



William Gilbert

DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC)**  
**c/o ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**

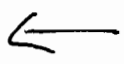
226 South Main Street • Gainesville, Florida 32601-6538  
(904) 955-2442

CB  
August 18, 1995

Commissioner Charles Chestnut, III  
Board of County Commissioners  
PO Box 2877  
Gainesville, FL 32602-2877

Dear Chairman Chestnut,

Information regarding the Florida Rock Industries proposed cement plant near Newberry has been presented at several Environmental Protection Advisory Committee meetings this year. During the course of these meetings it has come to EPAC's attention that the amount of air pollutant emissions indicated by Florida Rock were not consistent. There are large increases in the amounts of pollutants in the application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for an air construction permit as compared to the amounts originally indicated in the application for the county special use permit. In the FDEP application amounts of particulate matter are 48 times higher, carbon monoxide is 8 times higher and nitrogen oxides are 3.4 times higher than indicated in the county special use permit application.



Adding to EPAC's concern is the fact that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released a regulatory determination on cement kiln dust on February 7, 1995. They conclude that additional control of cement kiln dust is warranted to protect human health and prevent environmental risks.



Because of the discrepancies in pollutant amounts and the recent EPA information, EPAC unanimously passed a motion asking the Board of County Commissioners to revisit Florida Rock Industries, Inc.'s application for a special use permit. We hope you will examine this issue carefully as it will impact the air quality of Alachua County for many years to come. If we can be of further assistance in this or any other matter please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Anne Barkdoll*

Anne Barkdoll, Chair

cc:commissioners Barnes, Brown, Eppes, Summers-

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107 Black Angus Road  
Archer, Florida 32618  
April 23, 1996

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Ms. Virginia Wetherall, Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

Dear Secretary Wetherall,

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According to the information given during the recent administrative hearing for the air pollution permit, the air pollution control technology proposed by Florida Rock Industries is inadequate to control mercury and gases released from the burning of hazardous waste and tires used to supplement their fuel.

Please deny the permit to Florida Rock Industries. It is inappropriate for this urban and agricultural area.

Thank you for your time and I hope you can help us.

Sincerely,  
*December McSherry*  
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Reference: Portland Cement Manufacturing Plant

This is not just another complaining letter, actually, none of these letters are. We are real people with real worries and concerns about the future of everyone of us.

I have resided in the Forest Grove area for sixteen years. My home is located 3 1/2 miles northwest from this life changing site. I imagine most of our County officials do not live anywhere near the proposed cement factory, so they think this would not affect the quality of their lifestyles or the value of their property. But I bet if any one of our elected officials lived within a few miles of this plant we would hear from that person loud and clear reference this important issue. The joke is, is that with the huge amount of pollutants it WILL affect your families and your futures. This is NOT an out of sight out of mind issue.

Is the end result to this mess going to be where another mega business wins out over the cries of the people because they have the right political contacts and the big money to back their mission? Remember, they do not care at whose expense they meet these goals. Never forget that the small handful of our local officials that can grant or deny these permits are being used as puppets by very powerful, money making conglomerate.

We, the tax paying voters, elected our Commissioners and leaders to be the Voice of the People. We are now asking you to please, do the job you were elected to do and speak up and be our voices for us. Why is it that when candidates are running for office one of their biggest campaign promises is to speak and stand for the voters but when they take office they suddenly forget they ever said these things?

Alachua County is a clean, beautiful place to live and raise our families, we should be very proud. If our current Commissioners and representatives allow one big business to take over and ruin untouched air and lands then you too can be proud in years to come that a few forgot the many and made a forever life changing decision in our County.

Very Sincerely,

  
Nancy Moon

Rt 4 Box 55, Alachua FL 32615  
904-462-9668

DEPARTMENT OF  
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APR 25 1996

cc: State Rep. Bob Casey  
Gov. Lawton Chiles  
Commissioners; Barnes, Brown, Chestnut, Eppes, Summers  
DEP Sec. Virginia Wetherell

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Sincerely,

*Edward H. Conder*  
12005 S.W. 99th Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32608

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Dear Ms. Wetherell,

Please stop the cement  
plant. We have a  
beautiful place to live.  
Don't let it become  
a dust-asthma-community  
You can't let my  
wonderful home  
become an industrial  
waste-land.

Thank you

Debbie May

P.O. Box 1530

(27201 SW 20th Place)

Newberry, FL

32669-1530

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Sincerely,

*Elain V. Rawls*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

APR 25 1996

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 21, 1996  
6506 NW 136th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32653

Virginia Wetherell  
Fl Dept of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

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Ms Wetherell,

I'm writing to urge you to block the special use permit for the cement plant in Alachua county. My family and I live approximately 5 miles east-northeast of the proposed site. We feel that this type of industry is inappropriate for this area.

The potential environmental effects of this plant are known. What is unknown is the magnitude of the future disaster that this plant will bring and its costs. We will never know how many lung problems are caused by the airborne pollution. We will only know after it's too late about the damage to the aquifer. An aquifer that we must all draw our drinking water from. Some of us, like myself, from a private well. Do we really need another disaster like the old Cabot Carbon plant in Gainesville?

Sincerely,



Scott Crumpton

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APR 24 1996

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AIR

to: Sec. Virginia Wetherell

As homeowners in Alachua County, we are very opposed to the proposed cement plant in Haile.

We do not feel cement plant permit conditions adequately protect our health and environment. The only sane option we would have under such conditions would be to move away. And this not desirable or viable to us, or our children.

Valerie Jones + Michael Dorsey  
Gainesville, FL

AIR

330 NW 170th St.  
Newberry, Fl. 32669  
4/23/96

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APR 24 1996

Dear Sec. Wetherell,

BUREAU OF  
AIR REGULATION

I am writing to protest the decision to allow a cement plant in Newberry, Fl. It is a known fact that the plant will, in the very least, emit large quantities of particulate matter into the atmosphere. In addition, Florida Rock President John Baker will not agree to a deed restriction prohibiting the burning of toxic waste at this proposed plant in the future. I am a medical person and I cannot understand how the County Commission and the State of Florida can vindicate a decision to put a major pollution source and health hazard in an unspoiled agricultural area. Please Protect our area and deny the special use permit for this plant.

Sincerely,

*Nyla Jo Jones*  
Nyla Jo Jones



Kim:  
TO FRI files - no reply

April 10, 1996

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Department of Environmental Protection  
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Director of Air Resources  
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CLAIR

Dear Mr. Rhodes,

It is pitiful 'irony', that directly under your signature, it states "Protect, Conserve, and Manage Florida Environment and Natural Resources".....

if the Department of Environmental Protection has no authority or power to do its job, what is its purpose? Do we need to continue to support it with tax dollars?

The 'public' you referred to so lightly, are voting taxpaying land owners striving to save Florida. In other words, doing your job.

Investigation of existing cement plants and lack of any solid gaurantees by FRI, tell the real FACTS....total destruction of the County and surrounding area, irreversable.

How are you going to claim to protect the environment when there isnt any? Obviously you dont intend to live here!

Distressed and Disgusted,

Sincerely

*Gloria Mason*

Gloria Mason  
Newberry, Fl.

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APR 15 1996

DIVISION OF AIR  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

*P.S. This is not a comment, its a complaint.*

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**Sincerely,**

*Patricia E Burns*

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Sincerely,



23325 NW 102nd Avenue  
Alachua, FL 32615

6 April 1996

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APR 12 1996

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The Honorable Virginia Wetherall  
Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall:

It is with great concern that we have observed the continuing success of Florida Rock Industries, Inc. of pursuing government agency permission to build a cement plant in Haile, near Newberry. Our Alachua County Board of County Commissioners have erred in permitting the process to proceed. We have voiced our disagreement to them on this issue.

This letter is to encourage you to deny your agency's permitting of the creation of the cement plant. We feel that the data presented are lacking in credibility. We are, and honestly so, quite concerned about our health for living in the environs of the plant. Job creation should not an issue in whether a pollutant-generating industry should be allowed in an agricultural/residential area. It is the very healthfulness of this area that drew us away from a 13-year residence in Gainesville. As new residents of SW Alachua, we do wish to preserve the major attractant of our new home: clean air, clean water, and lack of visual pollution.

We hope that you and your agency can distill through the statistics so carefully orchestrated by the plant representatives, and hold the desires and wishes of real live people close to your hearts in your decision-making. We do thank you for your time in reading our opinion.

Sincerely yours,

*Wayne N. Dixon*   *Grace L. Dixon*   *Clifford N. Dixon*   *Neva L. Dixon*  
Dr. Wayne N. Dixon   Grace L. Dixon   Clifford N. Dixon   Neva L. Dixon

*Garth*   *Craig*   *Kiel*  
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Jay and Sharon Koons  
8969 SW 44th Lane  
Gainesville FL 32608

April 9, 1996

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Virginia Wetherall  
Florida Dept of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.,  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall:

I am writing to indicate my serious concern about the permit granted to Florida Rock Industries to operate a cement plant in Alachua County. We are property owners in Alachua County only 4 miles East of the proposed plant. Prevailing winds will bring a large amount of the pollutants from this plant directly over our land and children. There are too many unknown risks with this proposed plant to allow its construction. Gainesville and Alachua County are beautiful places to live, with the population growth headed directly toward this proposed source of toxic pollution. I'm sure Money magazine will never consider ranking Gainesville highly in the future if these types of dirty industries are allowed to destroy our beautiful County.

Please evaluate this permit and convince our County officials of the error in allowing this plant to be constructed. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jay Koons

c:Rep. Bob Casey

8427 NW First Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
11 April, 1996

Ms Virginia Wetherall

Secretary of The Dept. of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd,  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Regarding the proposed Florida Rock Industry cement plant in Newberry, Florida, I wish to convey my opposition to the plant, primarily due to the air pollution which will result. The quality of the air at present is a major factor in the choice of many to live in North Central Florida, and Tourism, retiree residence are major factors in the state's economy. Any change in the environment which might affect the population of Alachua, and probably other counties, should be very carefully considered by those responsible officials. In this case, Alachua County Commissioners should review their initial decisions on permitting this plant. Articles in The Gainesville Sun on 14 (Feb), 7, 11, 23, 28 (MAR), 4, 11 (April) indicate public opposition. A chance to vote on this matter by residents of Alachua County would be highly desirable, and your assistance would be appreciated either in denying the permit or requiring much more information.

Yours truly  
Wesley C. Fertig Jr

Drs John + MARY LOU KORAN  
17904 NW 78<sup>th</sup> AVE  
ALAGUILA, FLORIDA 32615



APR 08 1996

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

*Virginia Wetherall*  
Secretary of the Florida Environmental  
Protection Department  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

*W/V*



4/6/96

Dear Secretary Wetherall:

My wife and I wish to express our strong opposition to the proposed cement plant in Newberry, Florida. Accordingly, we would request that the Department of Environmental Protection deny the permit for this plant. Aside from the fact that it violates the county land use plan; the water, air, sound and aesthetic pollution this plant will produce, is not consistent with other county development. Thank you for considering this request.

John + Mary Lou Kovan (Alachua)  
904-462-3211



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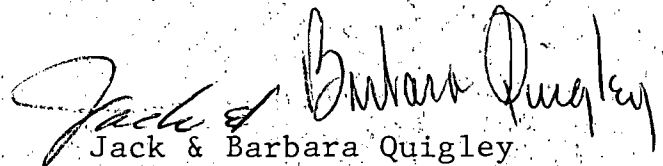
Virginia Wetherall, Sec'y  
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall:

We are writing to ask that you deny the permit to FRI to construct a cement plant in Alachua County. We fear that this plant will have a very negative impact on the environment and on the quality of life in Alachua County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack & Barbara Quigley

P.O. Box 424

Santa Fe River Estates

High Springs, Fl 32655

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Warren W. Bohn  
18417 N W 28 Place  
Newberry, FL 32669  
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Ms. Virginia Wetherall, Secretary  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

RE: FRI Permit - Cement Plant

Dear Ms. Wetherall:

I am writing to ask that you deny the permit requested by Florida Rock Industries for the proposed cement plant in Newberry Florida. My wife, and two year old son moved to Newberry in December of 1995. Coming from Miami, our goal was to move somewhere wholesome, safe, and secure - this would provide a much better environment for our son as he grows up. Our 5 acre home is east of Newberry and west of Gainesville.

We were not told about the proposed cement plant by the seller or the seller realtor. We are now very alarmed that this proposed cement plant can pollute the air that we breath by the emissions from the smoke stacks, or contaminate the aquifer thus our well water. Needless to say, we don't want to live with the "uncertainties" or even the slightest chance our son could be hurt in any way by the cement plant. This is an agricultural community. Many of our neighbors have horses and cattle. We don't want an industrial community - we like it just the way it is.

Please deny the permit. Save our future, our son's future in western Alachua county, and the welfare of the eco-system in this wonderful State of Florida.

Regards,



Warren W. Bohn

cc: Rep. Bob Casey  
4401 NW 25 Place, Suite L  
Gainesville, FL 32606

Ms. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary  
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I oppose the location of this plant in this or any similarly developed rural residential and active agricultural area. I urge you not to issue the air pollution permit applied for by Florida Rock Industries.

Sincerely, *Larry E. Hall*

LARRY E. HALL  
7320 N.W. 172<sup>nd</sup> ST.  
ALACHUA, FLA.  
32615

April 5, 1996  
R. Dale Boyd  
14508 NW 60TH AVE  
Gainesville, Fl. 32605

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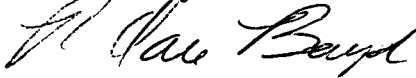
Virginia Wetherall  
Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Ms Wetherall,

As a resident of West Gainesville, near CR241, and down-wind three to four miles from the proposed Florida Rock Industries "Cement Plant", I am deeply disturbed at the prospect of such a plant being activated so near a densely populated area. I urge you to please withdraw the permit for allowing this operation to start. The few low paying jobs it will create is vastly offset by the permanent damage it will create.

In addition, if this plant is allowed to operate, what will it do to the extensive growth that is presently taking place in North West Gainesville?

Sincerely



R. Dale Boyd

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Sincerely,

*N. Rowley*

*D. Rowley  
RT 4, Box 477  
ALACHUA, FL 32615*

AIR

March 27, 1996

We are asking you to not allow the cement plant to be built in the area planned.

We are concerned about our water supply, as the city is growing to the west, also water supply for farm animals.

The air pollution will be worse than stated, as it is never possible to control the waste coming out as planned.

Why should a few jobs determine the decision to build the plant. Hundreds of lives will be affected.

Please don't let money make the decision, as health of the people is more important.

Thank you.

Shirley Kaswinkel  
Karl Kaswinkel

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KARL & SHIRLEY KASWINKEL  
16021 NW 74TH AVE.  
ALACHUA, FL 32615

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Sincerely,

*Allen J. Post*

*Juli Post*

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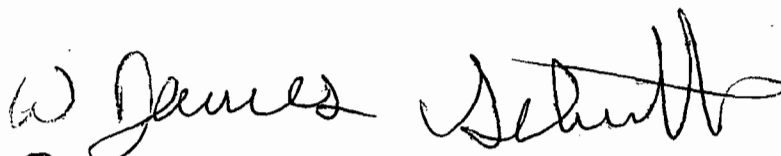
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RT 1 Box 102-A  
NEWBERRY, FLA

32669



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Sincerely,

Ralph + Pam  
McCranie

7329 NW 172 St  
Alachua, FL  
32615

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Sincerely,

*Charles & Roberta L. King*  
21308 NW 58th Pl  
Newberry, Fla. 32669

Gregory Ines  
7725 N.E. 51st Street  
Gainesville, FL. 32609

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To whom it may concern,

I have been ignorant, like many other residents in Gainesville, to the risks that a new cement plant would bring to our community. And, now that I have heard the concerns and issues, I can understand why so many vehemently oppose it. Furthermore, I cannot understand why our city commissioners would sell-out to "big business" for the sake of the dollar. If it's jobs that would be created, well quite frankly I'd rather be unemployed than have to breath and smell the **TOXINS** that would be emitted from such an industry. I think you get the point, and I hope that all concerned will "do the right thing" and reject F.R.I.'s request to build a plant that will inevitably make Gainesville look and smell like another Palatka, Tampa, or Jacksonville...

Sincerely,

*Gregory Ines*

Gregory Ines  
-Registered Voter

AIR

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Sincerely,

*Deborah M. Engquist*

The Honorable Bob Casey, MD  
District 22 State House Representative  
424 House Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

Dear Representative Casey:

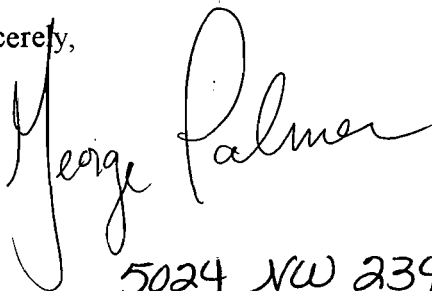
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I oppose the location of this plant in this or any similarly developed rural residential and active agricultural area and urge you to take whatever actions you can to stop the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from issuing air and water pollution permits for the plant.

Sincerely,



5024 NW 234<sup>th</sup> St.

Newberry, FL 32669

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Sincerely,

*C. B. Hall*

Chesley B. Hall  
10710 NW 32nd Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32606-4950

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*Kenneth S. ...*  
*James J. ...*



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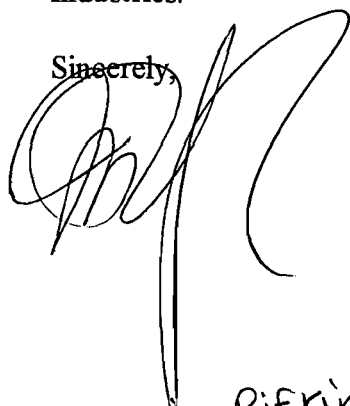
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Martin Rifkin, MD  
6440 W. Newberry Rd. 409  
Gainesville, FL 32605

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3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
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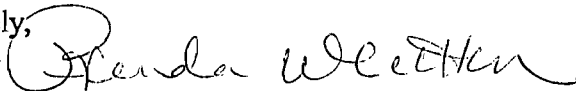
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*Robert L. Timmerberg*

TIMMERBERG  
21326 NW 62 AVE  
ALACHUA, FL 32015

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*Peg Mitchell RA*

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Sincerely,

*Melinda  
& John R. Willingham*

4-2-96

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*Kenneth R Jackson*

2725 NW 170 ST  
NEWBERRY, FL  
32669

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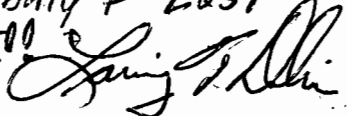
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 (Lansing T. DeKin)

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Everett R. Emino  
10113 SW 2nd Place  
Gainesville, FL 32607

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*Everett R. Emino*

*As a taxpayer and voter I will be closely watching  
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*[Signature]*



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424 House Office Building  
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Sincerely,

*Myrna Bullock*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Dan & Maureen Graves  
1375 SW 4th Road  
Newberry, FL 32669  
(352) 472-3034

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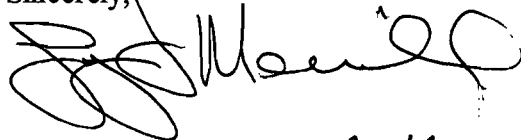
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*Mary J. Merrill*

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3/29/96

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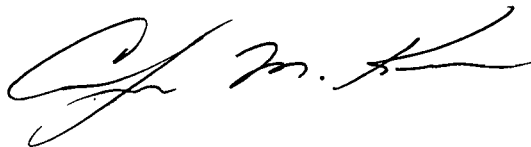
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Carolyn M. Keene  
P.O. Box 2036  
High Springs, FL 32655

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*Gene Martini - Legioni*  
3429 NW 180<sup>th</sup> Terr.  
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4-2-96

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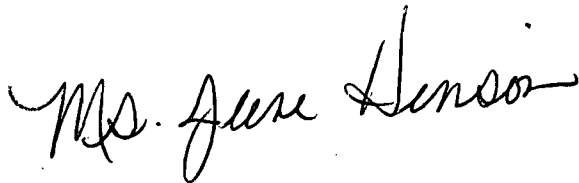
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Dr. Christopher Mladinich  
2615 NW 20th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32605



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840 NW 20 Street  
Gainesville, FL 32603  
March 23, 1996

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MAR 27 1996

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Secretary, Dept of Environmental  
Protection, State of Florida  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Sir or Madam:

Recently I attended a public hearing concerning the proposed cement plant to be built in northwest Alachua County. I do not live in this area of the county, but had become concerned when I read about the issue in some of the local newspapers. After hearing many of the people who live there speak about their concerns and in some cases presenting data, I came to the conclusion that this cement plant was not a very good idea. Why was a viable agricultural area chosen for this plant in the first place? It appears that cement plants have not had a very good track record environmentally and no matter what sort of standards are set up there is no way to protect the land and the people from the pollutants which will result from the operation of this facility. In a weird twist the company apparently will be its own overseer regarding environmental standards.

If this plant is built and if there are future environmental problems (which I think are likely despite disclaimers and assurances) then it is we taxpayers who will have to bear the burden of any clean up. I have seen this happen all too many times in the past. The sugar industry in the Everglades is but one example in the state of Florida.

Has your office approved the building of this cement plant? If so, I would very much appreciate knowing why this was done and what some of the data are.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Joyce Dewsbury*  
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*Fred Clark*

*Christine H. Clark*

Fred Clark  
21524 N.W. 94th Ave.  
Alachua FL  
32615-9753

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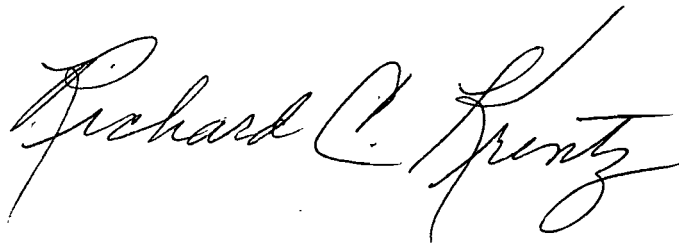
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*Mark Addison*  
*P.O. Box 975*  
*Archer, Fla 32618-0975*

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4113 NW 46th.  
GAINESVILLE FL 32606



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*Helen & Robert Smith*

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Curtis R. Cooper

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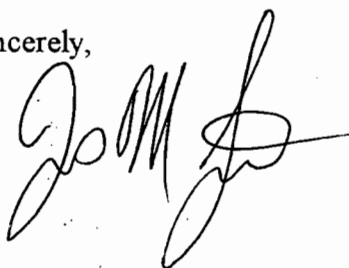
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Dameon Guess  
2706 W. University Ave.  
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Dear Virginia Wetherell,

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I have been a resident of Gainesville in Alachua County for the past three years. When I first came here I was attracted by the amount of trees and natural beauty that made Gainesville an amazing place to live. I have watched with interest as countless new developments, buildings and businesses have made their impact on Gainesville's natural beauty. Growth can be good and growth can definitely be bad. I'd like to think that I'm a pretty open minded person and I look to the pros and cons of a situation.

However, the proposed 800,000 ton per year Portland cement factory that is currently proposed for construction moves me to write this letter. I have come to believe along with many of my friends and family here in Alachua county, that this cement plant is an awful decision. I see no positive advantages to Alachua county in this planning error. Water pollution, noise pollution, and the discharging of over 16,000 pounds of pollutants every day into the clean air that all residents currently enjoy fills me with dismay. The mining and exposing of the Florida aquifer strikes me as a most foolish endeavor in light of the known environmental sensitivity of our region, not to mention the increases in heavy truck traffic.

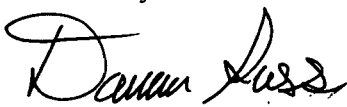
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Please acknowledge that the D.E.P cement plant permit does not adequately protect mine or anyone else's health or environment.

Together I feel we can stop this and keep Gainesville and its surrounding counties a natural and beautiful place to live and raise children in, while remaining aware of the need for 'sensitivity' in the way that development must certainly occur.

Thank you for your time and help in this urgent matter. I will be noting the response to this issue and will cast my upcoming votes in direct relationship to the outcome.

Sincerely,



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DIVISION OF AIR  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

March 12, 1996

DEP State Secretary  
Virginia Wetherall  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall;

I would like to respectfully urge you to reconsider the application for an air permit by Florida Rock Industries to build a cement plant in Northwest Alachua County.

I make this request based on the following facts:

1. FRI's application was inadequate and incomplete in that they did not have approved design specifications or manufacturing specifications for the electrostatic precipitators. **I would say this is crucial since this equipment is to control the emissions of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide.**

2. FRI has not provided a plan design for the kilns or the tire feeds.

3. DEP, in the case of the public's health, should do all to protect people and the environment, and as such, should ask for a multi-pathway risk assessment, expensive or not. It must be asked, using your own language, what is an "acceptable health risk?"

4. In conjunction with item three, DEP has elected to waive a background health survey, local epidemiological baseline analysis. This should be required. What is the dollar value of human health?

5. DEP publicly issued a draft permit, but a month later in a private meeting with FRI increased the allowable emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Why? Emissions should be decreased not increased.

6. Expert testimony given by Haile Community Association Witnesses at the recent hearing on said issue has shown that the mercury emissions are unrealistically low and will definitely exceed the allowable 200 pounds per year.

7. The area of this proposed site is riddled with caverns and is open to the aquifer, which is one of our most valuable resources. Is it something we should speculate on? Should not a closer observation if not extensive study of the site be done before we foolishly jeopardize our fresh water?

8. Why has there not been an endangered species study done before issuing FRI any permit?

Ms. Wetherall, this an emotional and passionate issue for the residents of Northwest Alachua County. I have tried not to waste your time with our passions, but rather address the facts as they have been proven. Florida is an incredible state of vast opportunity. We have the potential to see our peninsula develop into the kind of economic, social and environmental paradise that would be the envy of other industrial states that did not have the insight to protect and plan wisely. I urge you to rescind this air permit and graciously but firmly restrict FRI from destroying this part of our beautiful state.

Sincerely,



Terri Blakeslee  
1310 NW CR 235  
Newberry, Florida 32669

cc: Howard Rhodes  
Governor Lawton Chiles  
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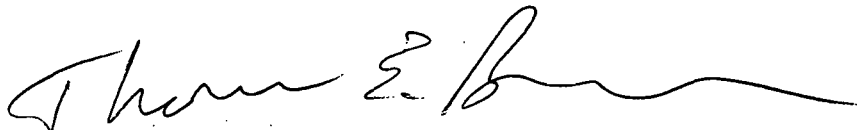
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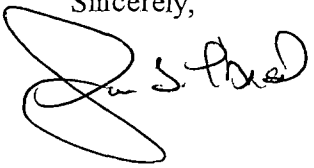
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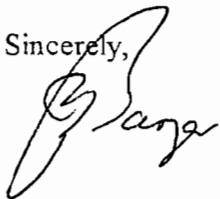
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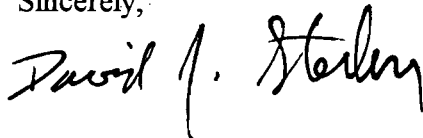
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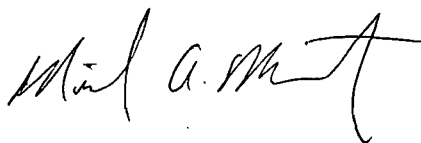
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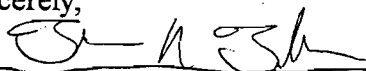
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As a registered professional geologist in the state of Florida and an environmental professional, I feel that locating any potentially polluting industry in this geologic terrain is unwise and will lead to future environmental degradation.

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March 15, 1996

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DEP State Secretary  
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Re: Proposed Alachua County Cement Plant

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Dear Ms. Wetherall:

As a concerned resident of Alachua County, I respectfully request that you reverse the original decision and deny Florida Rock Industries' air permit application to build the proposed cement plant.

It has come to my attention that this proposed plant, if built, will have a severe effect upon the environment of this county and its communities.

The decision to issue the air permit to FRI was both precipitous and premature. FRI did not submit any design plans or specifications for the electrostatic precipitators. I understand that this type of equipment has been in use in the United States for a number of years. Therefore, information must be readily available on these units. In fact, I would not be surprised if the DEP was already familiar with the job these units are designed for. The least that could have been submitted is a picture of a precipitator being currently manufactured.

This puzzles me.

Working for an engineering firm, I have a pretty good idea of the order in which things are designed for construction. And, FRI would almost certainly have had to consult an engineer to do a cost analysis and preliminary design on the project if they want any accuracy in their plan and cost projections at all. That would include getting information from any or all current manufacturers of these precipitators.

Again, this puzzles me. Shouldn't FRI submit something to be considered and shouldn't DEP insist upon it?

Another major concern I have directly involves the possibility of polluting our ground water.

At the proposed plant site, the aquifer has no protective layer of clay soil that is so prevalent in the area east of Gainesville. To quote a letter from Thomas D. Bussing, Ph.D., "The site itself is an old limerock dig, with many lime pits that expose the groundwater of the aquifer.

"Even more groundwater will be exposed by the continued mining of limerock for use by the plant. This will increase the consequences of any leaks or spills, such as from the tens of thousands of gallons of fuel oil and gasoline to be stored at the plant."

There is also a great chance that cement kiln dust will contaminate groundwater. I understand this plant is a new prototype for re-cycling 100% of the CKD emissions. If this experiment does not work, CKD will most likely be deposited in a local landfill, a further chance for contamination. The EPA has reported groundwater contamination from CKD due to mechanical breakdowns at other cement plants. And, I don't believe that FRI's plant is impervious to breakdowns. So, even if the experiment does work, there is still a great risk for aquifer pollution.

Aside from polluting our fresh water supply, there is also wildlife to be considered. There are species of endangered animals in this area; the gopher tortoise and bald eagle are prime examples. No endangered species study was done or requested by DEP before the air permit was issued. Why?

Besides environmental and wildlife considerations, I would also like you to review the potentially harmful effect this plant and its emissions would have on this community's health.

Why did DEP waive a background health survey, local epidemiological baseline analysis? After a period of 5 years, I understand that FRI intends to conduct certain tests to review the plant's impact of the surrounding area. If this is indeed their intention, what would the tests prove if there is no baseline information to compare it to?

Ms. Wetherall, I sincerely urge you to consider all that I have tried to point out to you. These issues are extremely important to me personally and a great many others in my community and the surrounding communities. But, even more than that, these issues directly affect Florida's cash base as a travelers paradise. And, if industry such as this cement plant is allowed to detrimentally affect Florida's environment, that cash base could be seriously altered.

Thank you for your time and effort in considering our petition to deny FRI's air permit.

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Amy R. Hanst  
1518 N.W. County Road 235  
Newberry, Florida 32669  
352-472-7053

cc: Howard Rhodes (DEP)  
Governor Lawton Chiles  
Rep. Bob Casey, M.D.

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*Hazel V. Hunt  
1408 N.W. 166 St  
Newberry, Fla. 32669*

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352-332-4419*

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ATTACHMENT:

*Land use plans project over 32000 people in  
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*The Gainesville Sun, Monday, March 11, 1996*

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## **Cement plant threatens Newberry horse industry**

Canterbury is extremely concerned at the prospect of the proposed cement plant operation.

Our clean, nonindustrial, agricultural-based business brings in literally millions of dollars in economic impact to the Newberry and Gainesville area. Restaurants, hotels, gas stations, entertainment facilities and local businesses benefit throughout the year from the events at Canterbury.

Our \$4.1 million facility is considered one of the finest in the country. We depend on horse farms, training stables, breeding operations and other equine-related businesses for support, and have seen a rise of interest in this industry.

Not only have we seen continued growth in the amount of competitors from out of town, we have noticed a significant increase in small farms, horse-related businesses and services in the immediate area. This continued growth in farms and fine homes keeps property values high and supports an growing horse industry.

In the disastrous event that this cement plant is built, the quality of life will quickly spiral downhill, causing property value losses, probable water pollution or depletion (already water tables are very low and area lakes have dried up), definite air pollution, and an increase in farm-animal

sterility.

It is absolutely ludicrous to believe that such a plant would not have an adverse effect on living in the west side of Alachua County. Canterbury experienced firsthand the sensitivity of this area in 1990 when two large sinkholes opened up on our land after a hard rainfall. The following two years the hole was studied by the Sinkhole Research Institute of Orlando. Its findings confirmed the limerock beltway just below the surface resting on the water table is extremely sensitive.

We urgently request that this facility not be built in or near the proposed site. There are many alternative industries that can still promote planned growth in our communities and not have detrimental effects to our lives.

I personally will be voting out the county commissioners who approved this plan in the first place, and we as a company will spread the word to all horse-related farm, service and business people to do the same.

WENDY LOW,  
vice president,  
Canterbury,  
Newberry



## **Executive Summary: Proposed 24/hr a day Tire-Burning Cement Plant in Alachua County- A Public Health Hazard Approved by our County Commission**

**What:** A Portland Cement Plant (not a concrete plant) will be built 11 miles WNW of the University of Florida, near Newberry, to supply raw cement to dozens of Florida and Georgia concrete plants owned by Florida Rock Industries. 1,200 people live within 2 1/2 miles of the 46 acre site, depending on groundwater from 450 threatened wells. Thousands more live in an area of significant impact, west of I-75, our major region for future population growth. Citizens in the city Gainesville will also be affected day and night by particulate emissions from the stack and dust from the dozens of trucks hauling cement out of the county. Limestone quarries with open standing water surround the building site, where fuel oil, coal, fly ash waste from GRU, and old tires will be stored. Two 23-story smokestacks, taller than our state capitol, will exhaust the kiln and discharge into the Alachua County atmosphere daily:

- Particulate Matter 1,880 pounds (ash, dust)
- 10-micron Part. Matter 1,641 pounds (microfine dust, travels past nose to lung)
- Sulfur Dioxide 1,290 pounds (acid rain when raining)
- Nitrogen Oxides 10,704 pounds
- Volatile Organic Compounds 277 pounds
- Carbon Monoxide 8,520 pounds
- Lead 2 pounds
- Hydrogen Chloride 112 pounds
- Benzene 7 pounds
- Mercury 1/2 pound
- Sulfuric Acid Mist to be determined by stack test.

These are the optimistic projections submitted for an air quality permit, necessary for construction to begin. Cement plants elsewhere are notorious for violating "acceptable" levels of air pollution.

**When:** In early 1995, The Alachua County Commission approved special changes in our land use plan to welcome the FRI plant to our community. Construction has not yet begun, but will last 2 yrs. **No baseline health impact study has yet been required, even though the Department of Environmental Protection may choose this option when permitting the plant.** Now in March, 1996 legal challenges as well as citizen resistance continue. DEP has referred the controversy to a hearing officer for recommendation (could be immediate or take up to June or July).

**How:** Florida Rock Industries is paying their lawyers >\$6,000 a day and environmental "experts" \$2,500/day to defend the corporation's pollution rights. Their arguments have failed thus far to expedite the permitting process. The Newberry citizen group "Haile Community Association" has funded legal challenges and will appeal the recent decision of a local judge that the County Commission acted correctly in changing the land use plan for Florida Rock Industries.

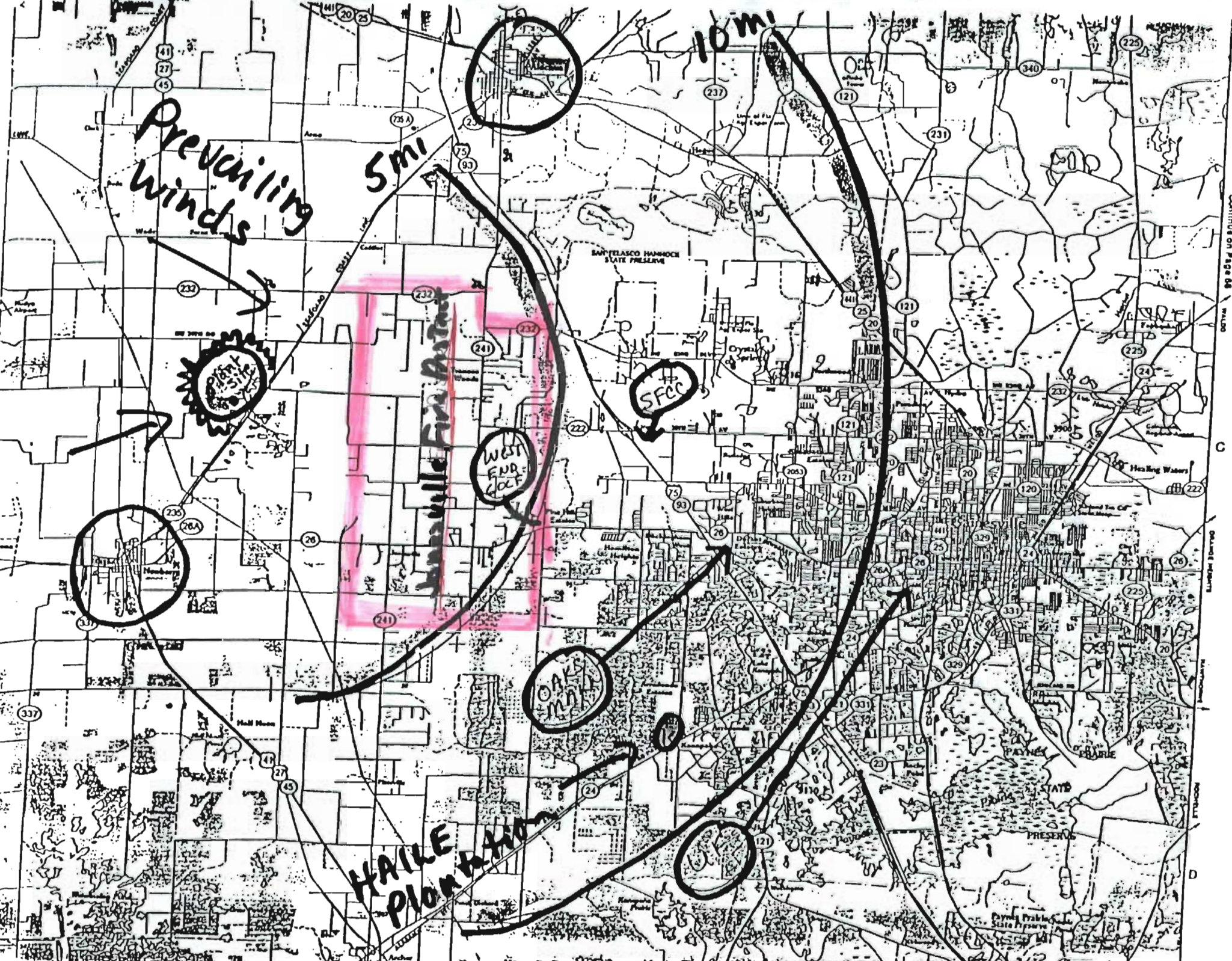
**Why this happened:** The County Commission and Chamber of Commerce apparently feel that Alachua County should welcome industry, ALL industry. Environmental opposition arguments are viewed as obstructive barriers to profitable businesses. An alternative philosophy of sustainable, compatible industry and clean business development has been ignored. The advice of our local environmental experts has been ignored. The citizen input at hearings and in legal challenges has been ignored. Alachua County stands a good chance of remaining the "#1 Best Place to Live" by protecting its clean air and water, a model alternative to "Orlando-ization." In the face of these alternatives, the question of "why" our elected officials support cement plants remains frustratingly unanswered.

### **What to do?**

Inform yourself. Decide on your opinion. Communicate where it will do the most good. Use the phone/fax and mail list. Take a weekend drive out west of West End Golf Course and explore.

### **No time?**

You can support the opponents in their legal battle against this plant by sending a donation (check) to: Haile Community Association, P.O. Box 1074, Newberry, FL 32669



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Plant Site



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Sincerely,

*Robert & Lois Miller*

*3814 N.W. 143 St.*

*Gainesville, FL 32606*

*P.S. We are 3 1/2 miles from location  
Our family lives, property, animals and  
all are in grave danger. Please help.*

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*Glouia V. Mason*  
*Route 1 Box 819 F*  
*Newberry FL 32669*  
*904-472-4419*

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An open letter to:

Gov. Chiles, V. Wetherall, P. Reynolds, B. Casey, R. Mulligan,  
Commissioners: Barnes, Brown, Chestnut, Eppes & Summers,

regarding proposed cement plant....

You have been bragging about keeping Alachua County a beautiful place and Gainesville as "Tree City"?

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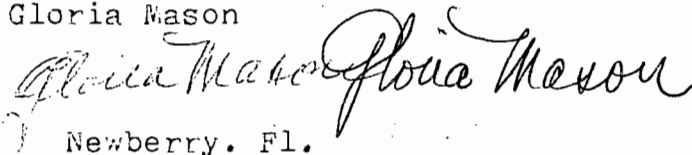
Construction of this plant will crush any future residential or agricultural development of the west side, unless you plan to make the area an Industrial Complex?

What is happening to our government "For the people, By the people, of the people? We are those People.

Is it possible that you all think that the Fall-Out from this plant will not reach you? How far does the wind blow?

WE beseech you all to save our farms and the environment for now and the Future.

Gloria Mason

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Newberry. Fl.



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Lawton Chiles  
Governor

Twin Towers Office Building  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
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Virginia B. Wetherell  
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Ms. Myra Bailes  
1701 Northeast Street  
Gainesville, Florida 32641

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Sincerely,

C. H. Fancy, Chief  
Bureau of Air Regulation

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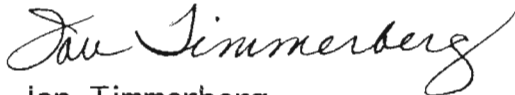
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Jan Timmerberg  
Community Relations Director  
UF Athletic Association



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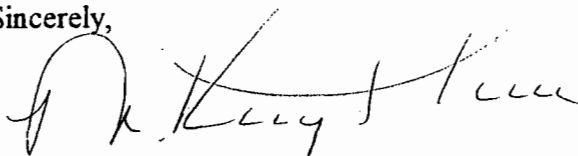
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*Alice Thompson*

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*Cynthia J. Hock*  
525 SW 42<sup>nd</sup> St  
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32607

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Sincerely,

Patricia Connolly

17305 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Alachua, FL 32615  
8 904-472-4785

I moved to Alachua County almost 10 years ago from St. Petersburg. Alachua county is a beautiful area, PLEASE don't allow this dirty plant to have a permit. Please @ least visit the site to see for yourself all the open water pits that are direct to the aquifer. Patty

~~H. Rhodes~~ H. Rhodes

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Sincerely,

Marie A. Norris  
5120 NW 149th Terrace  
Alachua, Florida 32615  
352-332-1766

Help! Please. The population density is going up, and yet plans are still proceeding for this plant. Property values will go down. Already I'm aware of several real estate deals that have been abandoned due to cement plant. Thank you.  
M. Norris



I am not a scientist or an environmental expert, but from my understanding, the permit for this proposed cement plant was ramrodded through our ignorant County Commissioners under pressure from the power companies and other big businesses in disregard of their constituents' wishes, health, lifestyles, posterity etc. Many of the usual studies were waived, such as prevailing winds (which study should have been over a 2 year period) but they were satisfied with 2 DAYS of measurements. I know, that sometimes I can smell paper mills at my house in Jonesville and the one nearest my house is at least 50 miles away! Winds shift constantly in this area, enough to blow fine dust over at least a four mile radius.

If (Heaven forbid) our water gets polluted, we can at least buy bottled water, but if our air is laden with

sulfur dioxide,<sup>2</sup> nitrogen oxides, and even more carbon monoxide, we have no recourse!

I have lived in Alachua County for nearly 30 years. We built our home in Jonesville, we're raising our children here because of the wonderful environment of this area. We have horses which have extremely sensitive respiratory systems and are very prone to problems. This area is known for ~~the~~ equestrian activities. There are 2 large show places where people come from all over the nation to show their horses. Will they still want to come when the air could make their expensive animals sick?

My husband says we will move if the plant is built. This would be devastating to us. I love my life in this region. I teach at a wonderful private school which is very dear to me. Most people I know say they'd move somewhere else.

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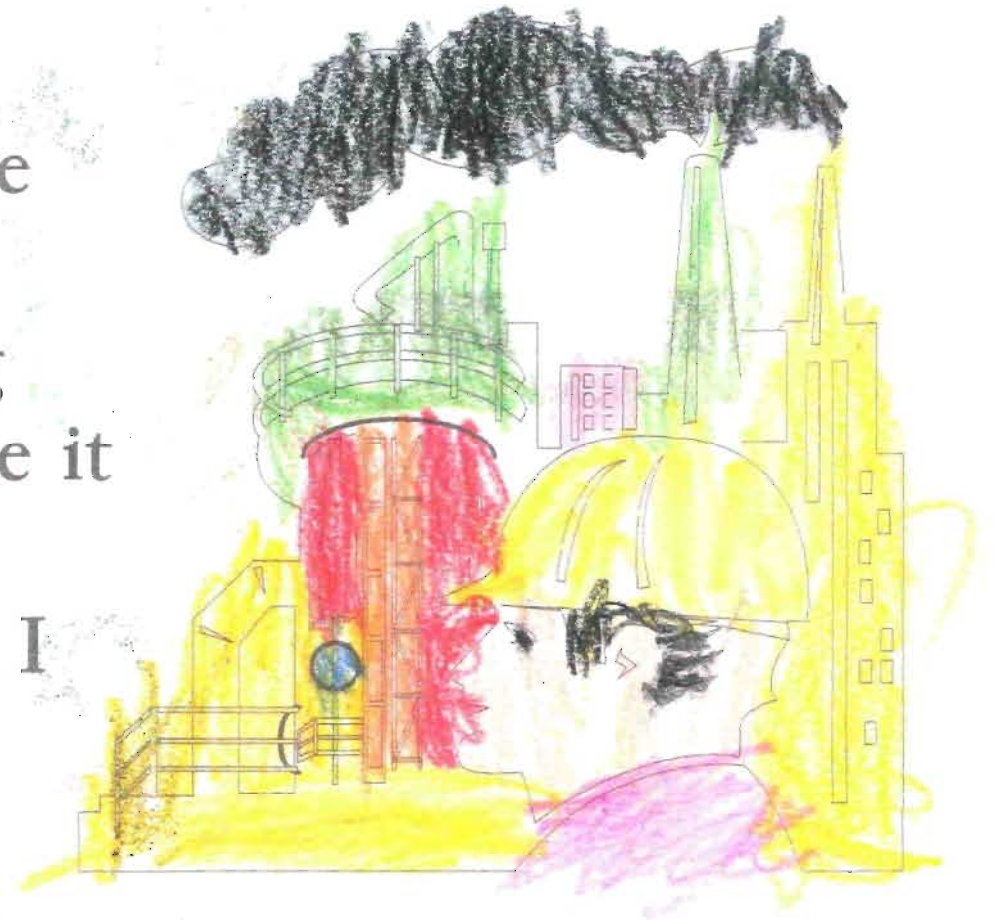
Statistics bear out the facts that it is much harder to clean up a site than to leave it pure in the first place. We KNOW how money affects ~~otherwise~~ sensible people's judgement. We KNOW human tendency to greed at the expense of others. We know there is a marked increase in brain tumors of people living near these cement plants. We KNOW we don't want it. Do ~~we~~ know our lives will be protected and placed first in value over the money that will be made?

Sincerely  
Josephine A Harris  
2725 NW 170 St  
Newberry, FL  
32669

# Stop the Cement Plant in Newberry, Florida

You don't need to ruin people's property. If you don't stop it, we have to leave our homes. My name is Micah Blakelee. I am five years old. Help me keep my home.

Florida Rock can go somewhere else. They have lots of money. We don't. Would you want this thing next to your treehouse, like it will be next to mine? My name is Nathan Blakelee. I am eight years old.



AIR

Mr. Robert J. Blakeslee  
1310 NW CR235  
Newberry, Fl. 32669

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DEP State Secretary  
Virginia Wetherall  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-3000

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Dear Ms. Wetherall,

I ask you to reverse the preliminary approval of Florida Rock Industries' proposed cement plant for Western Alachua County. There are many reasons for denying this permit but let me highlight just a few.

The proposed FRI site is situated on the most geological fragile area in all of Alachua County. Unlike other areas, there is no underlying clay hardpan protecting the fresh water aquifer from surface percolation of potential contaminants. In itself this is a serious consideration but because of limestone mining done in this area for the last 100 years, there are numerous pits with direct access to our drinking water. It is ludicrous to think that there will not be adulteration from surface runoff or from accidental spills. But moreso, there will be immediate contamination from air emission fall-out, especially under very common high humidity and precipitation.

Second to aquifer pollution is aquifer depletion. Already lake and ground water levels are low. According to FRI documentation, they will daily extract .288 million gallons of water, more than the entire city of Gainesville. This tremendous drain on water supplies will dry up many local private wells. Because of skeletal geology when water levels in sub-surface caverns diminish, tension will increase causing aspect collapse or sink holes. Increased soil instability will greatly threaten life, property and agricultural concerns.

Nationally, cement plants are held to less exacting air emission standards than other industries because of intense lobbying efforts on their part. Recently, in a private meeting between DEP and FRI standards were lowered to allow even greater toxic emissions. The declared emission substances are known to be carcinogenic, cause birth defects, respiratory disease and brain damage. It may be said that these emissions are not great enough to create such health hazards but with many of these toxins the body becomes increasingly burdened because of its inability to expel these substances. As body burdens increase health deteriorates. A case in point is the heavy metal mercury, which has been shown to have been under reported in FRI's analysis of its emissions. Mercury buildup in tissues and organs can damage human and animal nervous systems.

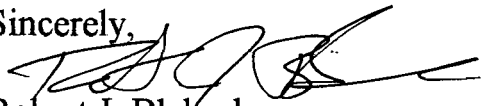
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DEP's evaluation only covers a selected few emission toxins. There are over a hundred other non-regulated substances with equally deadly effects but which fall under the category of needing more data. DEP should require further studies by FRI to establish the needed data before these substances, additionally, are broadcast over the resident population.

FRI has shown itself to be inattentive in its other business dealings. Why should we assume them to be careful now? DEP evaluation is based on FRI's questionable reporting of a best-case scenario. Any determinations should be made on realistically higher emission values. In any event, DEP should establish its own data and not assume FRI's figures are unbiased.

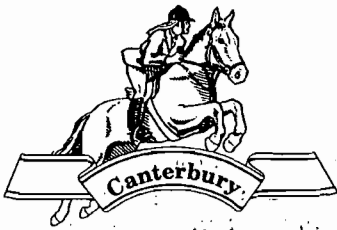
Ms. Wetherall, I'm sure you will recognize the need to withhold any permits to FRI for a cement plant that most assuredly will negatively effect human, animal, and plant health as well as jeopardize property and quality of life. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Blakeslee

cc: Howard Rhodes  
Gov. Lawton Chiles  
Rep. Bob Casey, M.D.



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Canterbury is extremely concerned at the prospect of the proposed cement plant operation. Our clean, non-industrial, agricultural based business brings in literally millions of dollars in economic impact to the Newberry and Gainesville area. Restaurants, hotels, gas stations, entertainment facilities and local businesses benefit throughout the year from the events at Canterbury. Our 4.1 million dollar facility is considered one of the finest in the country. We depend on horse farms, training stables, breeding operations and other equine related businesses for support and have seen a rise of interest in this industry.

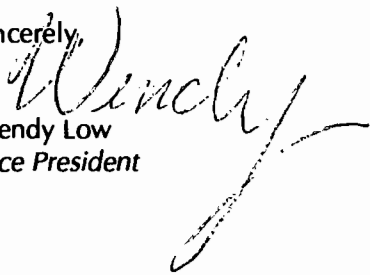
Not only have we seen continued growth in the amount of competitors from out of town, we have noticed a *significant* increase in small farms, horse related businesses and services in the immediate area. This continued growth in farms and fine homes keeps property values high, and supports an ever growing horse industry.

In the disastrous event that this cement plant is built- the quality of life will quickly spiral downhill causing property value losses, probable water pollution or depletion (already water tables are very low and area lakes have dried up), definite air pollution, and an increase in farm animal sterility. It is absolutely ludicrous to believe that such a plant as this would not have an adverse effect on living in the west side of Alachua County. [Canterbury experienced firsthand the sensitivity of this area in 1990 when two large sinkholes opened up on our land after a hard rainfall. The following two years the hole was studied by the Sinkhole Research Institute of Orlando, FL. Their findings confirmed the limerock beltway just below the surface resting on the water table is extremely sensitive.]

We urgently request that this facility **NOT** be built in or near the proposed site. Gainesville was recently voted the Number 1 city in America. If they are to keep this wonderful title they **MUST** preserve the quality of life that ensures people of this county the right to basic good health, safety, and natural resources so many others have come to identify Gainesville with. There are **MANY** alternative industries that can still promote planned growth in our communities and not have detrimental effects to our lives. I personally will be voting out the county commissioners that approved this plan in the first place, and we as a company will spread the word to all horse related farms, services and businesses to do the same.

In conclusion, we feel that the people that have moved to the countryside, put up with less than perfect services from the county, and pay higher property taxes to live the life-style in quiet surroundings free from the threat of noise, bad air quality, increased road traffic and depleted water sources. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Wendy Low  
Vice President





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BUREAU OF AIR REGULATION

Virginia Wetherell
Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee FL 32399

Dear Ms. Wetherell:

I am writing to you as a concerned private citizen who also happens to be an academic medical oncologist. My reason for writing to you is the proposed cement plant to be established in Alachua County adjacent to the city of Newberry. It has become abundantly clear to me over the course of the last few months that there are insufficient data to support the contentions by Florida Rock that their plant will be safe and nontoxic to our environment.

From the list of emissions that will be discharged from this plant on a daily basis, it is clear that the citizens of Alachua County will be exposed to considerable environmental toxins, some of which are significant carcinogens that will pose a potential health threat to all those in the direct path of the discharge plume. As the prevailing wind blows from the West from where this plant would be located across the city of Gainesville, that means the major urban center of Alachua County would be in that path. In addition, there is significant concern for the protection of our aquifer, which supplies fresh drinking water to all of Alachua County.

I believe that it is unconscionable to allow the establishment of this industrial plant in what is essentially a rural and domestic community. We are justifiably proud of the clean environment of our county and do not wish to see this spoiled by the establishment of a poorly controlled, investigational, pollution-emitting cement plant on our doorstep. I myself, and other medical oncologists, have seen many cases of cancer related to environmental pollution by these types of toxins and strongly reject the establishment of this type of environmental pollution in our community.

We would certainly appreciate any assistance which you might render in insuring that the concerns of all citizens are heard before a decision by a few interested parties enables our environment to be irrevocably damaged to the detriment of the majority who do not wish to see the establishment of this plant. If I can provide any further specific information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature of Robert de W. Marsh]

Robert de W. Marsh, M.B., Ch.B., F.A.C.P.
Associate Professor of Medicine



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March 11, 1996

Suzanne Hood  
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Tallahassee, FL. 32399-1550

Dear Ms. Hood:

We are writing in regard to the air construction permit for the proposed Alachua County Cement Plant. The staff of the University of Florida, Pediatric Pulmonary Division provide care for over 600 children with asthma and we consider the potential impact of this plant on air quality to be of grave concern. We consider the epidemiological baseline health assessment and the multi-pathway risk assessment essential to safeguard these children and the many others with asthma in the Gainesville area.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James M. Sherman in cursive.

James M. Sherman M.D.  
Chief, Pediatric Pulmonary  
Division

Handwritten signature of Cindy Capen in cursive.

Cindy Capen MSN, RN  
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BUREAU OF  
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Dear Governor:

With regard to the cement plant proposed for construction near Newberry, we are writing to express our dismay.

We grew up in the polluted cities of the North. The poisonous air of many industrial cities has seared our eyes and throats. Florida drew us here with its undefiled beauty.

Incomprehensibly, the Alachua county commissioners have sold our precious clean air for 80 jobs at a huge industrial chemical furnace, where a 12-foot diameter, 400- to 500-foot long fireproof tube continuously fed with 336 tons of coal and 4,800 tons of rock every day, will fuse crushed limerock with clay at 2,822 degrees Fahrenheit to produce portland cement, according to Thomas D. Bussing, writing in the *Gainesville Sun*. He continues,

This is not manufacturing, but rather industrial chemical conversion of bulk raw materials into a reactive product. It will release almost eight million pounds of pollutants per year, including massive amounts of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide.

People here in Gainesville complain that we are downwind from the site. Put it somewhere else, they say. But the winds in north central Florida blow in all directions. Everyone who lives here-- from Cedar Key to Daytona to Live Oak and Jasper-- is endangered, and all the heroic efforts to conserve our rivers and wetlands and wildlife and plants are undone by this blind folly.

Please put a stop to it.

Sincerely,

*Charles Willett*  
*Nancy Willett*

cc: Secretary, ✓  
Department of Environmental Protection

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Virginia Wetherall  
DEP State Secretary  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall,

I am sending this letter to express my outrage and dismay at the pending construction of a cement plant in my neighborhood.

I moved to this beautiful Newberry area after a hard divorce and then seven years of night school to start over again. Newberry is where I want to retire. I still have five years to go and I would like to know that after all this struggle Newberry is going to stay environmentally clean and a beautiful agricultural spot to live in.

I am very saddened by this state of affairs. If there is anything you can do to help us out, please do so. If there is something further we should do to stop this construction, please let me know as soon as possible.

I pray you can help us.

Sincerely,

*Anne Martin-Segrini*  
Anne Martin-Segrini

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Dear Ms. Wetherell:

Nine days ago I wrote you about our farm, "Presidio" in western Alachua County, and the impact on our life, health and plans brought about by the proposed Florida Rock Industries Cement Plant that will burn old tires here. I delivered that letter to your office Monday, March 4th, and had the great fortune there to meet Mollie Palmer, your assistant. The DEP's response made a very positive impression on me.

I am understating the impact: I was frankly astounded at the warm, listening reception Mollie provided me at the end of my long, anxious day in Tallahassee. I had thought perhaps 3-5 minutes of attention for a quick inventory of my concerns would be a significant inroad into the "anonymous bureaucracy" of the State of Florida, yet I found that Ms. Palmer not only heard me out, but also displayed genuine understanding about our community's priorities. She explained that I needed to shift focus at this point to the Bureau of Air Regulation, and forwarded my letter to Howard Rhodes, with whom I have a March 12 appointment. *This is progress.*

I will deliver this second letter to your office March 12th, including a copy of scores of "notes" to the governor.... written by my neighbors. They have described poignantly what is at stake, personally, in the outcome of the Air Construction Permit sought by FRI. I am proud that my local community is really joining forces over this issue. These notes were written this weekend, at a meeting of the "Haile Community Association," and I will deliver them to Lawton Chiles on Tuesday. Amazingly, the HCA public meeting raised nearly \$1,000 for the cause within an hour. We have also caught the attention of the local media and will be interviewed this week. *This is massive progress.*

The Administrative Hearings in Gainesville are completed. The Air Construction Permit for the \$81m project hangs in the balance. FRI has apparently already crossed the million-dollar threshold in their campaign to inflict a polluting industry (we are all becoming quite versed on cement operations) on a community pursuing *sustainable, clean* commerce. Happily, FRI has not succeeded in discouraging the citizens, who have spent only \$15,000 and are now garnering support exponentially. This weekend we toasted FRI for bringing us together so intensely. Others notice this. The expert witnesses for Haile Community Association testified for free at the hearing, while Florida Rock paid \$2,500 a day for their environmental expert. Most encouragingly, I believe there were significant omissions and inconsistencies in the original FRI air permit application that were revealed in the hearings. *This is outstanding progress.*

I am very proud of people like Mollie Palmer, and now also Jeff Braswell, DEP attorney. It seemed during the final days of the hearing that he has "heard" the voices of the more than 160 individuals who packed the one-hour citizen input segment of the 7-day process. His questioning was professional, balanced, and fair. Thank you for employing such responsible and responsive individuals within the DEP. I am hoping to find Mr. Rhodes shares their empathic capacities. It seems every day there is progress toward settling this critical issue, *finally.*

All the best from clear-skied Alachua County,

Rick Flug  
Presidio Farm

cc: Governor Lawton Chiles  
Representative Bob Casey, M.D.  
Mr. John Baker, FRI

*Rick Flug*

Mr. Jeff Braswell  
Ms. Suzanne Hood  
Ms. Mollie Palmer

Mr. Ben Rowe

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Ms. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
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I oppose the location of this plant in this or any similarly developed rural residential and active agricultural area. I urge you not to issue the air pollution permit applied for by Florida Rock Industries.

Sincerely,

Matthew Reilly  
Martha Reilly  
22310 NW 62 Ave  
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or progress. Do not issue a  
permit to pollute our air -  
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Ms. Suzanne F. Hood  
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Monday, March 4, 1996

**FLORIDA ROCK INDUSTRIES' PROPOSED PORTLAND CEMENT PLANT**

Dear Ms. Hood,

I am writing to put before you the views that your time schedule did not allow me to express at the Administrative Hearing in Gainesville on Wednesday, February 27th, 1996.

I contend that the proposed permit should not be issued, because what is classified as a "major air emitting facility" (surely "air emitting facility" ought to read "air adulterating facility"!) should not be situated so close to a significant human settlement: the greater Gainesville conurbation with a semester-time population of approximately 150,000 people. The enclosed map from the front page of today's *The Gainesville Sun* shows that the planned western border of the Low Density Residential area (the predominant density for this conurbation) will be only **four miles** from the site of the proposed cement processing plant (approximate position indicated by me with a red dot).

That the proposed cement plant will be a "major air emitting facility" [i.e. "air adulterating facility"] is not disputed. Your "Notice of Intent to Issue Permit" indicates that gaseous emissions may exceed 2,000 tons per annum. The estimate of pollutants generated includes 43 tons of volatile organic compounds and 227 tons of minute particulate matter.

Article 2, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution states that: "Adequate provision shall be made by law for abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise" (please note that the first meaning of the verb *abate* given in the New Smaller Oxford English Dictionary refers to its earliest legal use as "Cause [a nuisance, an action] to cease."). This is reflected in the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Act in which the Statutes on Environmental Control specify as Legislative Declaration Public Policy, under 403.021(3): "It is declared to be the public policy of this State and the purpose of this act to achieve and maintain such levels of air quality as will protect human health and safety".

I understand from one of the leading American experts in the field that the degree of toxicity of gaseous emissions when tires are burnt has not been clearly established. Nevertheless, the emissions referred to in your draft permit include such potentially toxic substances, or pulmonary irritants, as: Carbon Disulfide, Ethylbenzene, Formaldehyde, Lead, Methyl Chloride, Mercury, Toluene, Xylene, Zinc, Beryllium, Arsenic, Benzene, Biphenyl, Cadmium Sulfate, Carbon Disulfide, and Chromium.

I wish to suggest that the Department can, and must, fulfil its legal obligation to "protect human health and safety" by concluding, as common sense must surely dictate, that the proposed cement processing plant is much too close to what I have described as a "significant human settlement". I used this description for three reasons: (1) Gainesville is the site of a major university and any deleterious health effects incurred by its young students may affect them for the rest of their lives. (2) Gainesville is known for its major health facilities and for past exclusion of polluting industry from the area. Many residents (including the writer and his wife) have thus been drawn to this part of North Central Florida because of their own health, and particularly pulmonary, concerns. (3) Gainesville is situated "significantly" in relation to the proposed cement processing site, being located to the East of it. I understand from the meteorological station at Gainesville Airport that it is usual for this area to have West to East airflows in the afternoon. This time of day is when our area experiences typical weather conditions of solar radiation combined with light winds, the very ones most conducive to the types of gaseous flow, from the proposed cement plant smokestack, known as "looping" and "fumigation" (see *Meteorological Technician*, Community College of the U.S. Air Force). Such gaseous movements would bring the emission gases down to ground level in the Gainesville area and completely nullify the effect of the required stack height.

From the foregoing I have come to the unequivocal conclusion that — in spite of your preliminary finding "that the proposed project will comply with all applicable state and federal air pollution regulations provided the Department's Best Available Control Technology Determination is



implemented and certain conditions are met" — there are too many unknown factors and inherent health risks in the operation of such a cement processing plant at the proposed site, and that, in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Constitution and Statutes, a decision must be taken by your department not to issue a permit to Florida Rock Industries, Inc. to construct and operate the proposed cement processing plant.

Sincerely,

Enclosure: Front page of *The Gainesville Sun*, March 4th, 1996.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

BUREAU OF AIR REGULATION  
Tuesday, March 15, 1996

*Dear Secretary for Environmental Protection,*

We have been citizens of Gainesville for the past ten years, and local tax payers for over fifteen years. As such we are deeply concerned about the proposed construction of a cement processing plant at Haile near Newberry, and believe that the Alachua County Commission issued its "Special Use Permit" to FLORIDA ROCK INDUSTRIES, INC. with inadequate consideration of the many ramifications of this far-reaching decision.

We wish to assure the addressees of this letter that we are fully aware of all the other environmental threats inherent in this proposal, though we have chosen to concentrate on the question of air quality because it would present the most immediate endangerment to the greatest number of people.

Believing that approval of the construction of this cement processing plant must be reversed, we sought to give evidence at the Administrative Hearing held in Gainesville last week. As we were not heard, we wrote the enclosed letter to the presiding Hearing Officer.

In view of the extreme gravity of this matter, and because we feel obliged to anticipate the outcry that will follow when the citizens of the greater Gainesville conurbation wake up to this new threat to their well-being, we are sending a copy of our letter to each member of the Alachua County and the City of Gainesville Commissions, as well as to Governor Lawton Chiles, Lieutenant Governor Buddy MacKay, and our State and Federal Senators and Representatives. We are also sharing these concerns with key members of the Gainesville community, and with colleagues and friends.

It is our informed and considered view that the County Commission should act now to avoid the possibility of truly unknown consequences that may lead to widespread and serious health concerns — even if these should only become evident at a later date — by disallowing the construction of this cement processing plant in a location so threatening to so many citizens living in Alachua County.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth and Renée Marie Parry*

Enclosures: Letter to Suzanne F. Hood of March 4, 1996  
Front page of The Gainesville Sun, March 4, 1996

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Mr. Robert J. Blakeslee  
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DEP State Secretary  
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Dear Ms. Wetherall,

I ask you to reverse the preliminary approval of Florida Rock Industries' proposed cement plant for Western Alachua County. There are many reasons for denying this permit but let me highlight just a few.

The proposed FRI site is situated on the most geological fragile area in all of Alachua County. Unlike other areas, there is no underlying clay hardpan protecting the fresh water aquifer from surface percolation of potential contaminants. In itself this is a serious consideration but because of limestone mining done in this area for the last 100 years, there are numerous pits with direct access to our drinking water. It is ludicrous to think that there will not be adulteration from surface runoff or from accidental spills. But moreso, there will be immediate contamination from air emission fall-out, especially under very common high humidity and precipitation.

Second to aquifer pollution is aquifer depletion. Already lake and ground water levels are low. According to FRI documentation, they will daily extract .288 million gallons of water, more than the entire city of Gainesville. This tremendous drain on water supplies will dry up many local private wells. Because of skeletal geology when water levels in sub-surface caverns diminish, tension will increase causing aspect collapse or sink holes. Increased soil instability will greatly threaten life, property and agricultural concerns.

Nationally, cement plants are held to less exacting air emission standards than other industries because of intense lobbying efforts on their part. Recently, in a private meeting between DEP and FRI standards were lowered to allow even greater toxic emissions. The declared emission substances are known to be carcinogenic, cause birth defects, respiratory disease and brain damage. It may be said that these emissions are not great enough to create such health hazards but with many of these toxins the body becomes increasingly burdened because of its inability to expel these substances. As body burdens increase health deteriorates. A case in point is the heavy metal mercury, which has been shown to have been under reported in FRI's analysis of its emissions. Mercury buildup in tissues and organs can damage human and animal nervous systems.

In its preliminary permit, DEP has waved all health risk assessments and baseline health analysis. The residents of Alachua County have no assurances or protection, even from the **department** that has **protection** as part of its name. The University of Florida's Shands Hospital, especially its children unit is one of the most preeminent research hospitals in the Southeast. Because of the large medical community here there is also an above average population of health-challenged individuals. FRI's emissions would be hazardous for an otherwise healthy population much less for these at-risk-individuals.

DEP's evaluation only covers a selected few emission toxins. There are over a hundred other non-regulated substances with equally deadly effects but which fall under the category of needing more data. DEP should require further studies by FRI to establish the needed data before these substances, additionally, are broadcast over the resident population.

FRI has shown itself to be inattentive in its other business dealings. Why should we assume them to be careful now? DEP evaluation is based on FRI's questionable reporting of a best-case scenario. Any determinations should be made on realistically higher emission values. In any event, DEP should establish its own data and not assume FRI's figures are unbiased.

Ms. Wetherall, I'm sure you will recognize the need to withhold any permits to FRI for a cement plant that most assuredly will negatively effect human, animal, and plant health as well as jeopardize property and quality of life. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Robert J. Blakeslee

cc: Howard Rhodes

Gov. Lawton Chiles

Rep. Bob Casey, M.D.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary  
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RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

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I oppose the location of this plant in this or any similarly developed rural residential and active agricultural area. I urge you not to issue the air pollution permit applied for by Florida Rock Industries.

Sincerely,

*Mr & Mrs Dewey Oren*

*P.S. My husband has bone cancer and we have a garden. This land is agriculture. We built ~~our~~ our last home and are taxes are \$3000.00 dollars and we don't need a cement plant to ruin it all.*

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Sincerely,

*David & Susanne Marten*  
22406 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Alachua, FL 32615



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3520 N. W. 34th St.  
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Virginia Wetherell  
Florida DEP Secretary  
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

DIVISION OF AIR RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

re: Alachua County Portland Cement Plant

Dear Secretary Wetherell:

I would like to register my dismay and concern over the proposed construction of this plant and the fact that the air pollution permit issued for it allows a yearly exhaust of:

- 268 tons of cement dust (a caustic destructive substance)
  - 109 tons of sulfur dioxide (a strong source of acid rain)
  - 916 tons of nitrogen oxides (smog formers)
  - 1,289 tons of carbon monoxide (a poisonous gas)
- All together more than 2,582 tons of pollutants that include mercury and other poisonous heavy metals.

Not only will the good agricultural land and homes close to the plant be damaged by this exhaust but the prevailing winds in the location ensure that the western edge of the city of Gainesville and contiguous section of the county will be affected as well. No health impact study has been required and a number of residents have established health problems.

The result of the permitting allowances will be unacceptable levels of pollution. So far very little information about this plant's impact has been available to the general public in the county and in Gainesville. In fact the city is congratulating itself on the high rating its surroundings received in a recent Money magazine survey. There is no way such a rating would exist if the cement plant is built.

There are approximately 13,000 students at Santa Fe Community College about six miles from the proposed site of the plant and about 40,000 students at the University of Florida only eleven miles from the site. Much of the student body lives seven or eight miles away. North Florida Regional Hospital, a large Columbia/HCA institution, is about eight miles away. This industry has no proper place in western Alachua County.

Yours truly,  
*Mary M. Guy*  
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*William L. Schueler  
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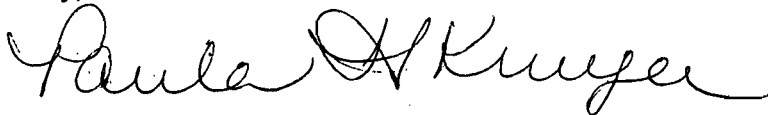
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Mr & Mrs  
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Mrs. Terri Blakeslee  
1310 NW CR 235  
Newberry, Florida 32669

March 12, 1996

DEP State Secretary  
Virginia Wetherall  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-3000

Dear Ms. Wetherall;

I would like to respectfully urge you to reconsider the application for an air permit by Florida Rock Industries to build a cement plant in Northwest Alachua County.

I make this request based on the following facts:

1. FRI's application was inadequate and incomplete in that they did not have approved design specifications or manufacturing specifications for the electrostatic precipitators. **I would say this is crucial since this equipment is to control the emissions of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide.**
2. FRI has not provided a plan design for the kilns or the tire feeds.
3. DEP, in the case of the public's health, should do all to protect people and the environment, and as such, should ask for a multi-pathway risk assessment, expensive or not. It must be asked, using your own language, what is an "acceptable health risk?"
4. In conjunction with item three, DEP has elected to waive a background health survey, local epidemiological baseline analysis. This should be required. What is the dollar value of human health?
5. DEP publicly issued a draft permit, but a month later in a private meeting with FRI increased the allowable emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Why? Emissions should be decreased not increased.

6. Expert testimony given by Haile Community Association Witnesses at the recent hearing on said issue has shown that the mercury emissions are unrealistically low and will definitely exceed the allowable 200 pounds per year.

7. The area of this proposed site is riddled with caverns and is open to the aquifer, which is one of our most valuable resources. Is it something we should speculate on? Should not a closer observation if not extensive study of the site be done before we foolishly jeopardize our fresh water?

8. Why has there not been an endangered species study done before issuing FRI any permit?

Ms. Wetherall, this an emotional and passionate issue for the residents of Northwest Alachua County. I have tried not to waste your time with our passions, but rather address the facts as they have been proven. Florida is an incredible state of vast opportunity. We have the potential to see our peninsula develop into the kind of economic, social and environmental paradise that would be the envy of other industrial states that did not have the insight to protect and plan wisely. I urge you to rescind this air permit and graciously but firmly restrict FRI from destroying this part of our beautiful state.

Sincerely,



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cc: Howard Rhodes  
Governor Lawton Chiles  
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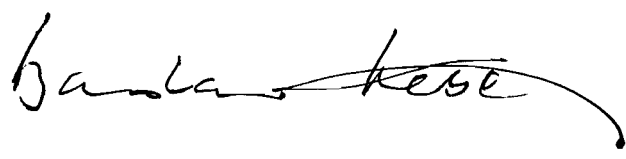
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Dear Ms. Wetherell,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

On March 5, 1996 I took the opportunity of sitting in on a hearing concerning the construction of a Cement Plant in the Newberry, Florida area. To me the context of the hearing was just how much pollution would be allowable to be emitted.

Hundreds of families made the biggest investment of their lives, building in the area of this proposed plant. I personally have a farm about ten miles from the proposed site.

We in Alachua County are blessed with pristine air quality and hope to keep it that way.

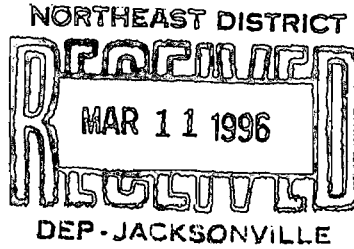
I ask you to do all in your power not to allow this smoke stack industry in our County.

Sincerely

James E. McCall  
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Alachua, Fl. 32615

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18513 NW 23rd Place  
Newberry, FL 32669  
March 6, 1996



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My wife Carol and I are citizens of Alachua County. I am 46 years old; my wife is 48. We have a mortgaged house on 6 acres of property in western Alachua Country between Newberry and Gainesville. My wife has owned and lived on the property for over 20 years, and has live in Florida most of her life. She owns and rides a valuable Thoroughbred horse which we keep on our property and teaches horseback riding at our home. I have an Associates Degree in Biology from Kennesaw College, Bachelors and Masters degrees in Horticulture from the University of Georgia, and have completed classwork for a PhD specializing in plant nutrition at UGA. I have had extensive education in the chemistry of plants, including the effects of toxic substances, and have a sound practical and theoretical knowledge of the effects of agricultural and industrial chemicals on other life forms. I am writing to express my opinion and concerns regarding the proposed building of a cement plant by Florida Rock Industries approximately 1 mile from our home, and at the doorstep of Gainesville.

Our area is in an agricultural zone according to the Alachua County comprehensive plan. Florida Rock Industries has received preliminary county approval and a zoning variance to build a huge cement plant approximately 5 miles west of Gainesville. Because the prevailing winds in this area blow from west to east, Gainesville and its suburbs will be directly downwind of the exhaust stacks. FRIs own projections say the plant will release hundreds of tons of pollutants each year, including cement dust, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and various oxides of nitrogen. Similar plants have historically also released measurable amounts of heavy metals into the atmosphere as a normal byproduct of processing. In addition the plant plans to use 200 gallons of ground water *each minute* for the processing.

The "cement dust" that will be released is not just ground up cement that has already been reacted with water and allowed to harden, like a ground-up sidewalk; after being allowed to react with water and harden, cement like that is relatively inert. In contrast, the cement dust that will be released by this proposed factory is the *unreacted* (or *reduced*) form - it is highly corrosive and chemically reactive. For example, it has a high affinity for water, and will combine with any water it touches, including the moisture in our bodys airways. Construction workers who are exposed to cement as a part of their jobs typically wear recommended protective gear, especially filters to prevent breathing the dust from unreacted cement. Failure to do so can result in inflammation and eventual deterioration of the lining of the respiratory

tract, including the lungs and sinuses.

Sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide are colorless gases under normal conditions, and FRI representatives have tried to distract attention from these pollutants on this basis. Apparently they feel that what cannot be seen is unimportant.

Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) is an *extremely* dangerous substance to all living things. SO<sub>2</sub> combines with water and oxygen in the air to form H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, otherwise known as sulfuric acid, a dangerous corrosive. SO<sub>2</sub> is the principal cause of "acid rain", which has caused the destruction of entire forests and the complete death of native animal life in lakes and streams where it has been released into the air. Breathing SO<sub>2</sub> can cause rapid deterioration of the lining of the lungs and other respiratory structures in healthy humans and animals by reaction with moisture and organic molecules. SO<sub>2</sub> is used in the food industry under carefully controlled conditions to sterilize and bleach some products, most notably dried fruits and wines. Food so treated is required by law to be so labeled, because even the few parts per million of *sulfites* produced by reaction of SO<sub>2</sub> with organic substances can cause immediate, severe and life-threatening allergic responses in susceptible individuals. In addition to its danger to human, animal and plant life, SO<sub>2</sub> is corrosive to metal and painted surfaces. The plants estimated (best case scenario) release of SO<sub>2</sub> into our air, according to Florida Rock itself, will be on the order of hundreds of *tons* each year.

Carbon monoxide is perhaps best known by the public for its appearance in news stories about suicides. The hemoglobin in our red blood cells is responsible for carrying oxygen into our systems; carbon monoxide binds to hemoglobin exactly at the site where oxygen binds, and prevents the hemoglobin from being able to carry oxygen as a result. Unlike oxygen, however, which attaches in the lungs and releases in the tissues, carbon monoxide remains very tightly bound to the hemoglobin until the red blood cells are broken down by the body. The diminished oxygen carrying capacity is not reversed by, for instance, walking around in fresh air or breathing pure oxygen; it is restored only as the body makes new red blood cells to replace those worn out from use. In addition, the high affinity of carbon monoxide for hemoglobin means that even small concentrations taken into the lungs will be absorbed and *remain* absorbed for days or weeks, until the blood cells are recycled. In persons with weak or immature replenishment capacity, like the elderly, sick, or infants, the result of frequent inhalation of even non-lethal concentrations can be reduced energy, dizziness and mental confusion, reduced resistance to disease and infection, and other symptoms of decreased organ and tissue function. By FRI's own estimates, the proposed cement plant will release *hundreds of tons* of carbon monoxide *each year* into Alachua county air.

According to FRI officials, the concentrations of these admitted poisons will be too low to pose a risk to residents living near to or downwind of the site. This makes several assumptions, which we dispute. The first is that normally occurring winds will carry off the effluent to some other unhappy place, which will presumably be unable to prove in court the source of their trouble. In our area we frequently experience such stillness of the air that smoke from burning wood and grass fires hangs in the air, collecting and concentrating for hours. Since the poisonous materials emitted by the proposed plant are heavier than air, as

they cool they can be expected to settle and concentrate in the immediate area in just such a fashion. The second assumption is that areas downwind, such as Gainesville, will not experience any adverse effects from the release of enormous quantities of toxins directly upwind. Unfortunately there are no studies of dispersion patterns in existence to support this assertion. Thirdly, there is the question of "safe" or allowable concentrations. To someone with allergies, asthma, or disturbed function of the immune system from whatever cause, there is no safe concentration of these toxins. Fourth, people who have worked at similar plants, like those in south Florida, point out that the *scrubbers*, the anti-pollution devices that are supposed to remove most of the toxins from the smokestacks just to bring the level down to the admitted hundreds of tons, must be turned off frequently for cleaning and maintenance. While they are off, emission levels can be many times their normal level, and can contain chemicals not present in stated "normal" emissions. Finally, consider that all of these arguments assume that the emissions will be just what FRI says they will, and that the plant will operate perfectly without breakdowns from day one.

Water rationing is something we here in north central Florida have had to accept as a periodic necessity. Water is a big problem throughout the state, with periodic shortages appearing all over from time to time. Even relatively short dry seasons can cause sinkhole development in areas underlain with limestone, as most of our area is. There has even been some talk of piping water from our area to southern Florida to help cope with the increasing demand. According to FRI officials, the cement plant will consume 200 gallons of water *every minute*, a volume that exceeds the current usage of the entire city of Gainesville. They have no plans to shut down plant operation in the event of a seasonal shortage. Surely we have better uses for such a precious resource than that.

Since the cement factory was originally proposed, many of us have made trips to visit existing cement plants to see for ourselves what we could expect. The one thing I was not prepared for was the noise. Imagine throwing a handful of lug nuts into a clothes dryer with a bad motor bearing. Now walk into the kitchen. The grinding, clanking, screeching sound that you hear is approximately what the cement plant sounds like as conveyor belts carry rock to and from gigantic metal drums, which rotate 24 hours a day grinding rock to powder. Now go into the bedroom and close the door. This is what the factory sounds like from a couple of miles away. We who chose this area of Alachua county for its peace and quiet outside the city of Gainesville away from the traffic and noises of the city are being told by Mr. Baker that Florida Rock will be a "good neighbor". If one of my neighbors engaged in activities that made a noise like that day and night I would call the police to file a charge of disturbing the peace.

One of the worst aspects of this situation is our complete and justified distrust of FRI's negotiators based on their very shaky track record to this point. FRI's representatives have lied or deliberately tried to mislead us concerning almost every aspect of the plant since day one. It has become impossible to negotiate with FRI since we do not trust anything they say.

- We were told in a public meeting with county commissioners that there were in fact two cement plants already operating in the city of Seattle, an assertion officials in Seattle dispute.

- We have been told the plant would not smell, but sulfur dioxide which WILL be emitted does have a penetratingly unpleasant odor.
- FRI has stated their intention to burn whole tires as part of their fuel for the plant. Mr. Baker publicly stated that “burning tires will lower some emissions” - compared to what? At the moment there are *no* emissions, so how can burning tires lower them? And *which* emissions will be lower? He did *not* say “all” emissions will be lower, and he did not establish any basis for comparison. He said they would not “routinely” burn tires until they can demonstrate “there is no increase in OUR monitored emissions”. How will they determine the rate of emissions without burning tires? And please note they are the ones doing the monitoring, not any government agency. The deliberately misleading statements are typical of what we have come to expect from FRI.
- Mr Baker has assured us that as *FRI* identifies other environmental issues, they will be “addressed”. He offered no assurance that complaints from the community would be addressed, much less resolved. His assertion that the plant will be the “least intrusive” on the environment of any cement plant in the country is small comfort to anyone who has seen one of these plants in operation. They are dirty, dusty, noisy, and deadly to plant and animal life in their vicinity.
- Mr. Baker claims FRI will abide by regulations for burning hazardous wastes. Unfortunately, there are no specific regulations for such hazardous waste disposal, and the written proposal does not include specific wording to the effect that no toxic wastes will be burned.
- Mr. Baker stated in a public meeting that FRI would not build in the area if local residents were opposed to the plan. In the space of over a year, there have been a number of meetings in which any concerned public were invited to give opinions. So far, the only people who have spoken up in favor of the plant have been paid consultants and other people with direct financial ties to FRI. In contrast, virtually hundreds of area residents have given their time, energy and money to express their disapproval. Mr. Bakers response has been to refuse to recognise the opposition as a representative group.
- We have been told by FRI that the plant would not lower property values, a patent absurdity. People who live where we do move to our area in spite of limited police protection, in spite of the distance of available emergency services, in spite of the longer commute to jobs and stores, in spite of the relatively high property taxes, precisely because we do not want to live near places like the proposed plant. Property values in our area have increased tremendously in recent years because of the proximity to Gainesville and the beauty and peacefulness of our countryside. It is an area filled with woodlands, farmland and pastures, horses and cattle and wildlife and clean, fresh air. Property developers have advanced plans for sensible future use of the area as a bedroom community serving Gainesville, and large areas within sight of the proposed plant have already been developed as upscale residential communities. If it does nothing else to harm us, the proposed plant will destroy both the peace of our countryside and the worth of the property that represents, to many of us at least, our single most valuable material asset.

There are other valid concerns of the residents of the area which I am less qualified to speak on. I am hopeful you will hear from others more qualified to talk about the direct connection between pits and sinkholes on the proposed site and the aquifer. You will no doubt

also be made aware of the number of threatened or endangered species whose further existence will be in question. As an asthmatic and allergy sufferer whose principle wealth is in his home and property, I am frankly discouraged about my own future existence.

The media has tended to treat the concerned citizens opposed to this plant as residents of "west Alachua county" (not including Gainesville) trying in vain to stop "progress". In fact, the citizens of Gainesville have been given the impression by some of the media that there are only a few older residents living near the proposed site that are stubbornly resisting development. In fact there are *hundreds* of families watching their life dreams and health threatened. We are people who have saved for years for a quiet home in the country, in an area protected by zoning for agriculture, an area with minimum acreage requirements and maximum population densities all decreed by the county plan. This is not some remote rural area, but is an area of rapidly growing population. The county plan and zoning guaranteed a way of life that appealed to us. The area has attracted those interested in settling down with their families in a place away from the noise, lights, automobile fumes and pollution of the city. Some have come here to protect their children, some because of health problems, lung or heart conditions, advancing age. Others are residents whose families have lived and owned property and farmed here for generations. Many of us have the majority of our net worth tied up in our land and houses. We are now looking at a future in which our children will be made sick, our crops ruined, our homes and property devalued or made unsaleable. And for what?

The FRI industrialists originally promised about a hundred high-paying jobs. The estimate has since dropped to eighty, and no one is talking about high pay any more, as most of the people hired will be truck drivers, equipment operators, people who dig and process the limerock. What they propose to do on the bottom line is increase their net worth while decreasing our net worth without giving us any benefit in return. This sounds rather suspiciously like legalized theft to me.

The environmental officials who should be protecting the area have basically taken FRI's word for everything, have ignored the testimony of expert witnesses opposed to the plant, and have denied requests for a preliminary evaluation of the area and people and the potential effects. They have promised only to monitor the activity in five years, but have publically stated they do not have the funds to do so.

It is the shared opinion of those who attended early public meetings with the county commissioners that the meetings were no more than a formality, that the decision to allow construction had already been made, and that the commissioners were only going through the motions for the sake of appearance. We naturally feel that the elected county commissioners have failed to represent the interests and concerns of their electorate. Perhaps our elected officials were attracted by quick additions to the tax base - a tax base that may well be wiped out by cleanup efforts, and by depression of property values. And even when the plant is later found to be damaging, can you imagine the outcry against losing "all those jobs". It will be very hard then to correct the mistakes we see now all too clearly. We are not against clean, publicly responsible industry. But we cannot believe the creation of eighty jobs of questionable worth can justify the threat to health and peace this plant represents, and we fail to see why these industrialists should benefit financially by robbing us of the value of our possessions. We

ask that you please consider our position, and then help us with your influence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Ogden



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Sincerely,

June McCray  
2920 NW 154 St  
Newberry, Fla  
32669

P.S. I would like to take this time to let you know, this plant will cause much stress on my child that has asthma. There are a number of children in this area with asthma.

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Sincerely,

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13718 NW 13th Ave  
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1620 N.W. 143<sup>rd</sup> Street  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I moved to Gainesville Florida in 1971 to go to school. I am a nurse. I always wanted to live in the country so I bought land in Haile Community in 1990.

My husband and I live one mile from the proposed cement plant. We raise rabbits, chickens and have a large garden. We thought we were safe to buy in an agricultural area, away from city industry, and all that comes with that. How can the plan be changed to accomodate big business - dirty business?

During one of the first public meetings about the proposed plant, it was stated that this will bring Alachua County 80 jobs. It was also stated that the poorer section of Gainesville (S.E.) need work. One problem - buses don't even travel to Newberry. Also, don't you realize that the majority of their employees will

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be brought in from the 'home office'.

The area in question is the most sensitive ecologically than anywhere else in Alachua County. The aquifer is not protected as it is on the east side of town. Why can't Florida Rock put its plant on the east side? There is lime rock, a railroad and people who need jobs.

There are many endangered species in the Haile area. Bald eagles, Florida panthers, gopher turtles also found there are Florida deer, and foxes.

Once you allow Florida Rock to build this plant it will be too late to turn back. Stop it Now.

Granted, Florida Rock does excavation of lime rock in Haile but that is a very far cry from producing cement. We may



not have trouble for the first few years but in 15-20 years, no one will want to live in Haile - it'll be a dusty (Kiln dust), desolate area. Do you want to take that chance?

I plea with you to stop this before its too late. Florida Rock has an alternate plan - we of Haile Community do not have alternate plans, this is our home! So tell Florida Rock to go to the alternate plan. Leave the clean air and water alone.

If Florida Rock builds this plant, many people who have settled in Alachua County will move out of the county, taxes lost there.

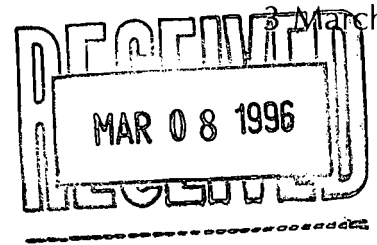
Does this make sense to you ??  
Lets keep Gainesville the #1 City in the U.S.A. — Clean!

Thank You  
Peg Mitchell  
Haile Community

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P. Reynolds, Ph.D.

State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

~~226 South Main Street~~

Gainesville, Florida 32601

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Suite 1204

Dr. Reynolds:

I ask you to stop the Florida Rock polluting cement plant in Alachua County.

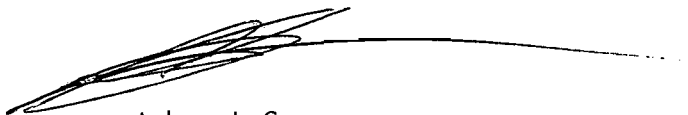
Is the location really an appropriate place for a heavy smokestack industry?

**For cement trucks?**

Please reply to this correspondence as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Adam J. Smargon

AJS/rbt

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Virginia B. Wetherell  
Secretary

November 3, 1995

Mr. John McCall  
4115 N.W. 186th Street  
Newberry, Florida 32669

Dear Mr. McCall:

Thank you for your September 29 letter about the proposed Newberry-based cement plant for Alachua County.

The Department is not involved in the siting of cement plants or any other facilities. Land use determinations are solely the responsibility of the local governments. The Department does, however, review applications and either rejects or approves construction or operating permits, based upon whether the proposal meets State environmental laws or rules. Before we issue a construction permit, the public has an opportunity to request an administrative hearing, or submit written comments on our proposed action.

The following clarification is offered regarding the hazardous waste burning issue mentioned in your letter to Senator Graham:

Florida Rock will be allowed to burn only coal, tires, and low sulfur fuel oil (such as diesel). No fuels will be allowed which could be construed as hazardous wastes. That includes liquid burnable fuels or used oil. There is no way to burn hazardous wastes by construing them to be coal, tires, or diesel fuel.

There should be little or no ash generated by a new cement plant. The Ash constituents are readily incorporated into the product cement clinker. In fact, ash is typically used as raw material in making cement due to its silica, iron, and aluminum content. Additionally, the plant plans to recycle all cement kiln dust collected in the air pollution control equipment back to the kiln for incorporation into the product clinker.

There is a moratorium in the State of Florida on new hazardous waste burning capacity. Any change would have to be approved by the Governor and the Cabinet. There has been no indication of a possible request from Florida Rock Industries.

Mr. John McCall  
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Thank you for your concern regarding the above environmental issues. If you have further concerns, please call or contact Dr. Patricia Reynolds of our Northeast District Gainesville Branch Office at (904)955-2095, 5700 SW 34th Street #1204, Gainesville, Florida, 32608.

Sincerely,

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Ernest E. Frey, P.E.  
Director of District Management

EEF:pr:dr

cc: Honorable Bob Graham - U.S. Senate  
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Congress of the United States  
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March 3, 1995

Washington, DC 20515

Ms. Kathy Eparaino  
6018 N.W. 210 st. Street  
Newberry, FL 32669

Dear Ms. Eparaino:

Thank you for advising me of your opposition to the construction of a concrete production plant near Newberry.

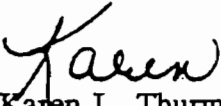
As you know, on February 21, the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County approved Florida Rock Industries' proposal to construct a \$80 million cement plant north of Newberry. A number of regulatory agencies must issue anti-pollution and related permits before construction can begin.

The Federal Government really has little direct control over this project. Under federal laws, states that enact adequate environmental laws may be authorized to issue appropriate permits. Officials at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) informed me that Florida has been delegated the right to issue all permits except those for water discharge (and that authority may be granted soon). You, therefore, need to take your concerns to the Hon. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 2500 Blairstone RD, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400.

I appreciate your taking the time to bring your views to my attention and will continue to monitor future developments on this subject. In the meantime, if I may be of assistance on other matters of interest, please let me know.

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Sincerely,

  
Karen L. Thurman  
Member of Congress

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A Cement plant is a chemical processing plant. Cement is a chemical that when mixed with sand and water creates a chemical reaction and makes Concrete. Cement is made from Limestone (calcium oxide  $\text{CaO}$ ), sand (silica  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and Clay (alumina  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), Coal ash, iron ore ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ), gypsum ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), Magnesia ( $\text{MgO}$ ) and other chemicals. The blending of these chemicals and the heating of them to 2600-3000 degrees causes a chemical change and the production of a cement clinker. This when ground up is the processed chemical we call cement. The process creates large amounts of dust and superfine particles in the form of Cement Kiln Dust. Cement Kiln Dust is a Hazardous Waste that is under developing regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency. Fugitive Dust from the transporting of cement is also a concern to air, water, residential and agricultural concerns. The plant will burn oil coated coal as well as 180 tires per hour or more. The plan is to produce 750,000 short tons per year of cement. The plant will have one 230 ft and one 250 ft smoke stack that they estimate will release 52 tons per year of Sulfur Dioxide, 219 TPY Dust (Trillions of tiny little micro particles that are not good for people or animals to inhale) 1971 TPY Nitrogen Oxide, 219 TYP Carbon Monoxide. The plant will run 3 8hr shifts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The company anticipates 175 truck trips to the plant and 175 per day from the plant amounting to 350 times a vehicle will use the surrounding roads. This number is their estimate and could go higher if they chose. The trucks will be of the 80,000 LB category, (Limestone trucks and bigger.)

Florida Rock Industries is planing to build an 80 million dollar chemical processing plant that will cover 12 acres with buildings (522,000 sq. ft.) as well as a 50-100,000 fuel oil storage tank. They will use 200 gallons of water per minute, 12,000 per hour, 288,000 per day, 105,120,000 per year if they are being truthful about water usage. They have no limits...

The Plant will sit in the middle of a series of open water pits that are the exposed aquifer in the existing Limestone mines that are situated on the west side of SR 235 2.1/2 - 3 miles from SR 26A between Newberry and Alachua in a community called Haile.

Florida Rock Industries

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Jacksonville, Fl 32201

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Baker Investments Ltd 2,081,946 shares 22.6 %

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March 20, 1995

Honorable Virginia Wetherell , Secretary  
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I hope you can help me and save this area from an environmental disaster. I am a resident currently living in the area near the proposed Cement Plant that will be built for Florida Rock near Newberry in Alachua County, Fla.

The 40 acres of land owned by Florida Rock is surrounded completely by lime rock pits full of fresh water, as well as hundreds of family residents and farmers. Any spill would go directly into the aquifer.

The proposed plant will only employ 80 people. A plant of this nature running 24 hours a day will pollute our air, water and our ears. Please see attached flyer. Please look into this problem we are facing and save this Paradise.

I and the residents of this area would deeply appreciate any help you can give us.

Thanks,

Kathy Sparaino

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HAILE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
3616 N. W. 186th St.  
Newberry, Florida 32669

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Mr. Ernest Frey, District Director  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
7825 Baymeadows Way Suite B-200  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590

*Patty responded*

Dear Mr. Frey,

The Alachua County Commission ~~has recently~~ granted a Special Use Permit to Florida Rock Industries, Inc. to construct a 750,000 ton per year Portland cement manufacturing plant in western Alachua County. Specifically, the proposed plant site is in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 17 east.

The Haile Community Association is a group of about 75 residents, property owners, and concerned citizens who oppose the siting of this plant in our community. We will challenge the action of the County Commission in court, if necessary. We are deeply concerned about threats from this smokestack industry to our air and water environment and its impact upon our health and quality of life.

We hereby request that we be notified of any and all applications for permits for air emissions, water supply, wastewater and stormwater facilities filed with the Department of Environmental Protection by Florida Rock Industries, Inc. or their agents in connection with this proposed cement plant.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Arthur W. Saarinen, Jr. P.E.  
President

cc Howard Rhodes, Air Resources Management  
Richard Harvey, Water Facilities Division  
Vickie Schutt, Secretary-Treasurer, HCA

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DIRECTOR - WATER FACILITIES

The Honorable Bob Casey, MD  
District 22 State House Representative  
424 House Office Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Florida Rock Industries Portland Cement Factory, Alachua County

Dear Representative Casey:

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I oppose the location of this plant in this or any similarly developed rural residential and active agricultural area and urge you to take whatever actions you can to stop the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from issuing air and water pollution permits for the plant.

Sincerely,

*William E. and Elaine Brown*  
*P.O. Box 484*  
*Newberry, FL 32669*  
*3415 NW 238 St*



This plant will degrade  
our environment. Please  
protect us from this threat.

Ms. Virginia Wetherell, Secretary  
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3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
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Sincerely,

Thanks,

Nick Coates  
6733 NW 77th St  
Gainesville, FL 32653

3/19/96

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Sincerely,

*Cynthia R. Karle*

Cynthia R. Karle  
723 N.W. 19th STREET  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32603

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*Jan Huffstetter*

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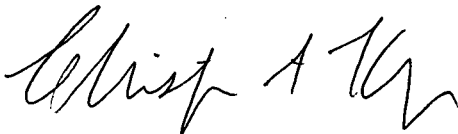
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*Rita Blumberg*

3/22/96

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Sincerely,

*Cheryl Whight*  
2246 SW 43rd Pl  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32608  
(852) 373-9678

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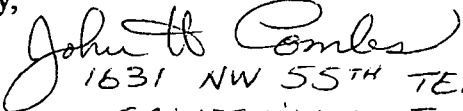
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1631 NW 55TH TERR  
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

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*Greg McCracken*



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*Whit. H. Kiser*

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*Laura Cohen*

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GAINESVILLE FL

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*Rod & Jillie Dean  
7728 SW 11th Place  
Gainesville, Florida 32607*

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*William Craig*  
8424 N. West 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Gainesville 32607  
Florida

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*Wayne Hall*

*11926 NW 164 TER*

*Alachua FL 32615*

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*Douglas & Janine Selvey*  
22620 NEW 62ND AVE  
NEWBERRY, FL 32649

WILLIAM H. SANDERSON  
12613 N.W. 112 AVE.

ALACHUA, FL 32615

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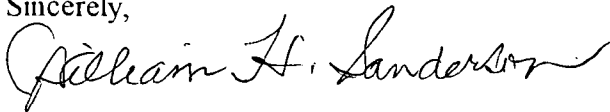
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*J. R. Smith*  
*Rt 1 Box 48*  
*Alachua, FL*  
*32615*

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DAVID H. HOCK  
525 SW 42 ST.  
Gville FL  
32607

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*Raleigh and Bonita Peatty*  
5416 NW 234 St  
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*Iris Adams*  
3806 SW 2nd Ave  
Lakeland FL 32607

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*Alan Braun*  
ALAN BRAUN  
P O BOX 147050  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32614



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Sincerely,

Luanda Faulkner Memitt  
2520 SW 186 Street  
Newberry, FL 32669

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Sincerely,

*Carole A. Austin*



Carole Austin  
P.O. Box 507  
High Springs, FL 32643

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*John L. Mendenhall*

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112 S.W. 170th Street  
Newberry, Florida 32669*

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Sincerely,

*Kathleen A. Silvey*  
*112 SW 170 Street*  
*Newberry, FL 32669*

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Sincerely,

Candice McCall

4115 NW 186 St.

Newberry, FL 32669

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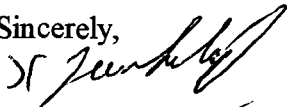
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3908 NW 170 St  
Newberry FL 32669  
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*John M. Gallwitz III*  
RT-4 Box 246  
Alachua  
32615

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Kathryn & Jerry Lehman  
2510 NW 162 St.  
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*Jean Thomas*

*P.O. Box 1862*

*Alachua, FL 32616*

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*Opal & Dewey Oren  
4007 N.W. 186th St.  
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3509 N.W. 17th TER  
Biville, Fl. 32605



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*Susanne Martin*  
3509 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Terr  
Gainesville FL  
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James J. Hughes

25410 NW 62 Ave

High Springs FL  
32643

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*Patience Barker*

18410 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Newberry, FL 32669

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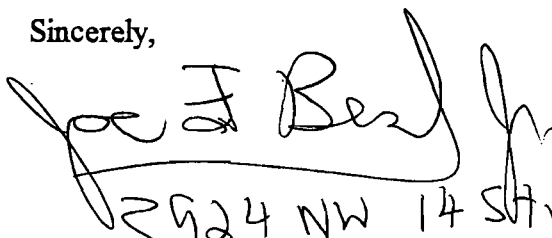
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Gainesville, Florida  
32605

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NEWBERRY, FL  
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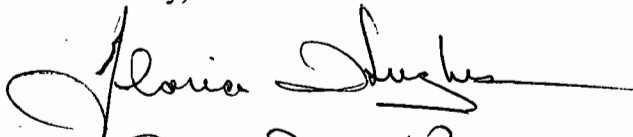
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3611 N.W. City Rd 235  
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738 NW 26TH AVE  
GAINESVILLE FL

32609



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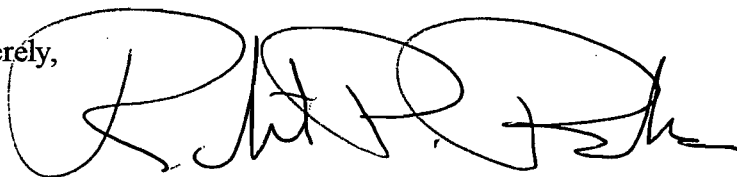
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Gainesville, 32606

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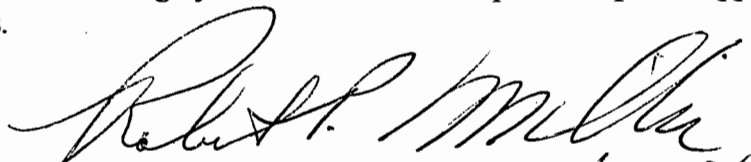
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*Alachua, FL - 32011*

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8424 NW 4th Pl

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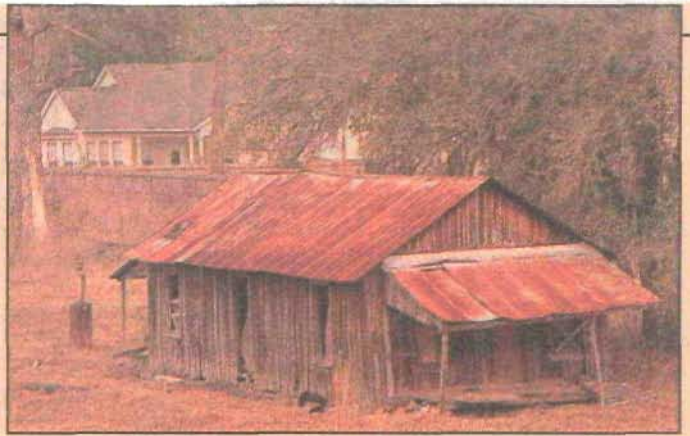
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# Westward HO!



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As new subdivisions leapfrog to the west of Gainesville, Fletcher's Mill on Newberry Road abuts an aging Cracker house, which itself will soon be the site of another subdivision being developed by Larry Ross.

■ Rural western Alachua County braces for development as the county's growing population heads west into the 21st century.

By Bruce Ritchie  
Sun staff writer

**A**cross Newberry Road from where the cows graze beneath large live oaks, customers at Jonesville Feed & Supply are ambivalent about the coming change.

Alachua County will allow thousands of homes to be built from Interstate 75 west to Jonesville through the year 2011.

Some of the feed store customers look forward to development, including a new grocery store in the pasture.

But they also are concerned about how development might affect the rural character of unincorporated Jonesville.

"I'd like a grocery store, but I don't want it to get so crowded it shoves out agriculture," says Lee Herring, owner of the Jonesville Feed & Supply store.

Development along NW 39th Avenue north of Jonesville already doesn't suit Alma Melton. She plans to move farther west to escape urbanization.

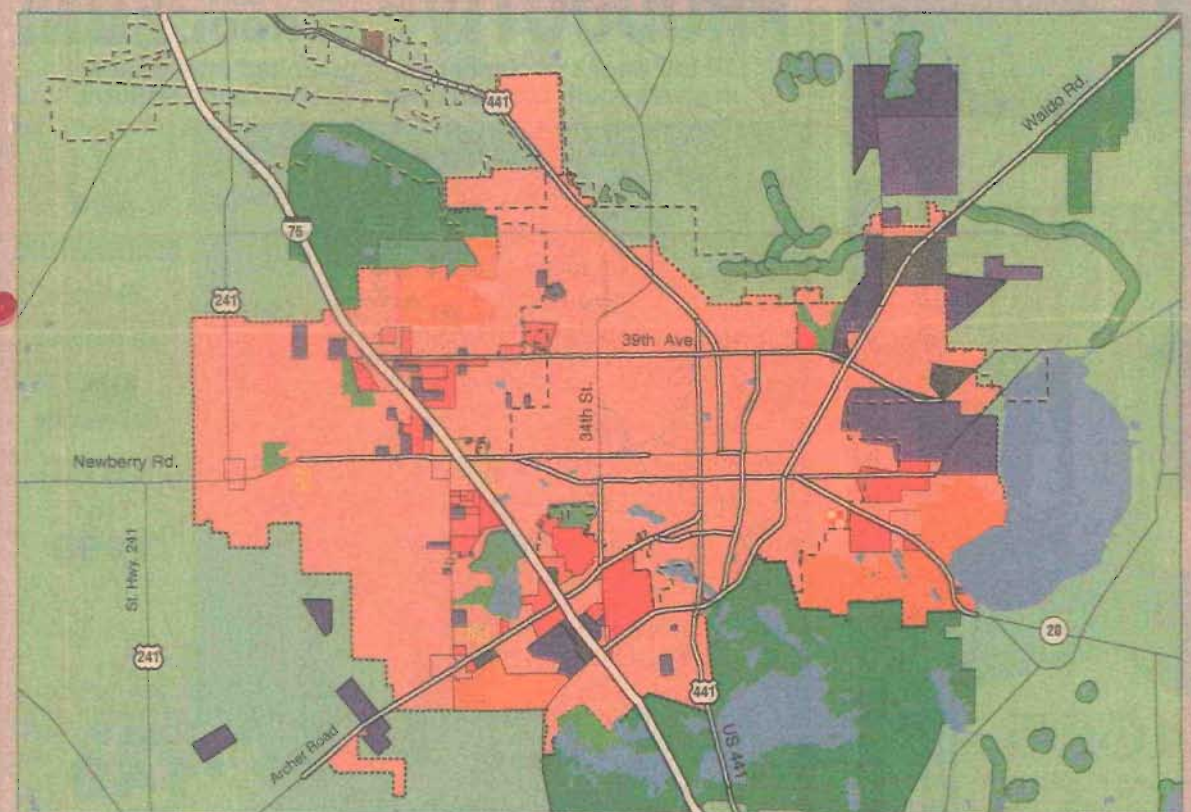
"I don't like it," the 55-year-old Melton said. "I grew up there all my life. Now it's grown up so much, I'm going to move out."

Development is changing Alachua County. That means more jobs and spending for the area's economy, which many people like.

But development also can mean that pastures and woods become new shopping centers, and neighborhoods become congested by traffic.

Please see WEST, 3A

## Gainesville future land use 2011



Low Density Residential	Activity Center	Recreational
Medium Density Residential	Agricultural/Rural	Conservation
Medium-High Density Residential	Institutional	Preservation
High Density Residential	Light Industrial	
Estate Residential	Heavy Industrial	

Sources: 1990 US Census; Gainesville Planning Dept.; Alachua Planning Dept.

JUAN C. DEL VALLE/Special to The Sun

Alachua County comprehensive land-use map through the year 2011 and designated land uses are shown. The 35,233-acre urban service area, shown in orange, contains 15,485 undeveloped acres for residential development. The county estimates 40,174 housing units could be built in the area.

## South Florida: A lesson in sprawl

By BRUCE RITCHIE  
Sun staff writer

**F**ORT LAUDERDALE — Want to get back to nature? Enjoy a rural lifestyle? Then Broward County planners suggest that you don't settle here.

Traffic congestion, strip malls, strip joints and pawn shops are some of the landscape features that have led Broward County to become a symbol of urban sprawl in Florida.

While environmentalists warn against "Browardization" elsewhere, Broward county planners say they have helped plan a regional urban area with its amenities — professional sports teams, beaches, shopping, cruise ships and industry.

"In some ways, you look at Broward County and it looks like the worst of urban sprawl," said assistant planning director Peter Ross. "But we have planned for an intense urban area."

But some other planning experts, environmen-

"The best thing we can have in South Florida is well-managed sprawl."

JOHN DeGROVE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DCA

talists and government environmental officials say Florida should not wish Broward County's growth on themselves.

And South Florida's problems could easily duplicate themselves in North Florida, some officials say.

"It's not fundamentally different from what is happening here," said John DeGrove, former director of the state Department of Community Affairs.

"You can see Florida filling up (with people). Please see BROWARD, 6A

► **Sunday:** Gainesville faces population growth amid nationwide criticism that post-World War II development has led to urban sprawl.

► **Today:** Alachua County will allow thousands of homes to be built from Interstate 75 west to Jonesville through the year 2011.

► **Tuesday:** If residents don't plan for change, change will come without the planning. But there are solutions for helping avoid urban sprawl.



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