

April 30, 2008

Riverside County Farm Bureau
21160 Box Springs Road, suite 102
Moreno Valley, CA 92557



Attention: Steven A. Pastor, Executive Director

Subject: Granite Construction Company's Proposed Liberty Quarry

Dear Steven, *Steve*

It has come to our attention that Granite Construction Co. is proposing a 155 acre quarry adjacent to I-15 in Southwest Riverside County and that concerns have been raised regarding potential dust emissions from the quarry and the possible impacts on agriculture in the region. I would like to respond.

Peter Rabbit Farms has farmed thousands of acres in the Coachella Valley for generations. This includes several hundred acres of land north of I-10 adjacent along Monroe Street north of Indio that we farmed for more than 10 years. Granite and its predecessors operated a quarry on 1200 acres of land immediately north of our agricultural operations since the 1940's. Our agricultural operations along both sides of Monroe Street were 1 to 2.5 miles from their mine including a concrete plant, aggregate production plant, and an asphalt plant.

We never had a problem with dust or other air emissions from their plant and we do not believe their operations had any impact on the quality of our agriculture.

Granite Construction Co. has been a valued member of the Coachella Valley for many years and we believe that you will find them to be a valued member of the Southwest Riverside County community also.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Powell, Jr.
President/CEO

Cc: Gary W. Johnson, Granite Construction Co.

