

LETTERS: The Californian, April 18, 2009

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Writer has no credibility

I learned a long time ago that people who use alarmist tactics to win you to their position usually don't have the facts to support it.

Nick Biddle ([Letters, April 8](#)) makes an alarmist plea to oppose the establishment of Liberty Quarry and its asphalt paving plant near the San Diego County border. He references a 3-year-old article about an antiquated asphalt oil refinery in a small town in North Carolina that may be responsible for ill health of people living there. I read the article, but I must conclude that he did not because the plant in question is not even an asphalt paving plant! And Mr. Biddle's reference to state Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth as a "treacherous local weasel" doesn't restore his credibility.

Those who oppose Liberty Quarry have had ample time to provide documentation that people living near aggregate plants have detectably higher rates of diseases, but they have been unable to do so. There are thousands of quarries operating safely across this country, but the best the opponents can do is dredge up an inconclusive report about a completely different kind of plant 2,500 miles away. They don't have much of a case.

Rick Kellogg

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Comments:

gunner April 18, 2009 4:36PM PST

Who is this Rick Kellogg, that thinks that "Asphalt" is not harmful. Fumes from 'asphalt, can cause, liver, and kidney damage, can damage the nervous system, and who knows what else. Want more information; go to; State compensation ins; fund. punch in; 'asphalt', then, write another letter to the newspaper, and let us know what you found.

John the Baptist April 18, 2009 5:04PM PST

to gunner: Rick Kellogg is a resident of the alternate reality of Creationism, where science is trumped by religious belief.

Regards

RIVERSMVP08 April 18, 2009 9:32PM PST

actually, science supports creationism.

gunner April 19, 2009 1:55PM PST

I am awaiting your next letter, Mr. Kellogg