

# LETTERS: The Californian, Feb. 7, 2010

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## Granite is going above and beyond

I will always be concerned about the health of my family. That is why it is reassuring to know that Granite Construction is going above and beyond what is required. Did you know that the crusher, conveyor belts and the loads-outs will all be enclosed in buildings? This is not a project requirement, but Granite Construction is stepping up on its own to enclose the structures to reduce any dust that may occur.

Riverside County's Environmental Impact Report on the project shows that any silica dust produced by the quarry will have no negative health effects on neighboring residents. It is important to note that silica, one of the most common minerals on earth, is a basic component of soil in Southern California and our region in particular.

There is no doubt that there is a need for this quarry. Aggregate supplies are desperately needed in Southwest Riverside County, and having a local facility will help keep polluting trucks off the road, which is a direct benefit for local residents — and my family.

So for the nay-sayers out there: Give science a chance — you never really know the facts until you get a chance to actually study them.

Richard Loomis

Hemet



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[gunner](#) said on: February 7, 2010, 12:13 pm

Is it Richard Loomis, or Looney ? How in the world can one put covers over the area that is being blasted. Richard, you need to understand how an open pit mine is run.

Granite say they can mitigate 97% of the dust, where do think the other 3% goes to, think about it, and if you can't figure it out, let me know.



2.

[luytemecula](#) said on: February 7, 2010, 8:28 am

Oh come on Rich!!! But the eco-environmentalist-extremists want to see the aggregate come from Indio (bet they don't know that quarry it is next to a habitat

reserve!!)through the pass, through Hemet and San Jacinto to Temecula by diesel truck. Why?? Because they don't care about anyone else or green house gases.