

Jane Sonntag's comments

concerns about recent mining issues

① We now have cracks in our basement floor from the blasting. How long can we live near a mine without our house falling down?

② How can EOB put buildings on Dennis Schindler's property? Did Dennis apply for a building permit? I don't remember him applying for one. How can EOB continue to expand without a building permit when they have yet to reach an agreement on a mining permit?

Specific concerns related to the haul route:

① The haul trucks passed my father on his tractor, my mom following behind in her pick-up, on 135th on a double yellow. This happened on two different occasions. My mother and myself both complained to Chippewa Valley Sand Transport. They informed me what they did was legal. My father had a slow moving sign, but my mom was in a pick-up with no SMV sign. Since when can you pass a pick-up, a tractor and wagon, with a loaded sand truck when that truck is about to crest a hill? Is that safe for the citizens?

② 1/3/13 A sand truck was at my intersection at 7:25 a.m. That is exactly the pick-up time for my kids to get on the bus. I had to complain to the company again (third time) to obey the wait time for bus pick-up times.

③ Also 1/3/13. The bus had to pull off onto the shoulder after my kids boarded the bus to let an overloaded, wide load piece of equipment pass on the road. The mine has to move wide, heavy equipment during bus hours? They can't wait until after 8:00 a.m.? Is this safe for the kids or the citizens in this town?

④ On 1/8/13 the mine moved a 8 Double wide overloaded scoop truck IN THE FOG literally as the bus was coming down DD to make the turn to pick-up my kids. My kids were at the end of the driveway when this happened. Is moving a double-wide, overloaded machine with no lights, in the fog during bus hours safe? When will safety be a priority?

⑤ When the speed limit signs were posted, the "slow children at play" sign in my yard was moved and attached to the speed limit sign. The sign is now at the edge of my yard instead of near the intersection.

The traffic that does not take the haul route (mine workers, ancillary trucks, blasting trucks etc.) turn off of DD.

By the time these people see the sign, they have already drove past my yard and driveway. When this traffic does not follow the haul route, they drive faster, and they do not have adequate visibility of my yard.

Why are these trucks allowed to take DD (especially the trucks that carry the explosives)? Is that considered safe?

Why don't all parties involved take the haul route? (lower speeds, higher visibility)