

PurFrac Mining Application Comments March 30, 2017

These are a couple of comments on the proposal of a new mine in the Town of Cooks Valley. There is an impact to people when trucks go past residential homes. The property devaluation is one thing. There is also noise pollution and safety considerations. It has been noted in the Southern Medical Journal of March 1, 2007 that there is growing evidence that noise pollution is not merely a bother but can cause profound health implications. The body reacts to noises, thus depriving it of restful sleep, concentration, and other functions. Another health concern is air quality. Dr. Crispin Pierce's monitoring report, submitted February 13, 2017 to the town board and noted on the town's website, observes that the peaks in particle levels were on days of truck operation. This means that when trucks are hauling, sand particles are more present in the air, thus having potential to harm workers and neighbors. The safety to children, walkers, bikers, etc. with accelerated truck traffic is also a concern.

Although jobs are important, these are some thoughts to consider before permitting another mine.

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