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CITY OF SCANDIA

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Dear Scandia Board,

I am writing this letter to state my opposition to the proposed re-opening of the Zavoral/Tiller Mine near the conjunction of highways 95 & 97 in Scandia.

That junction alone would be full reason for me to insist that precautions be taken to prevent an already questionably dangerous intersection from becoming even more dangerous! The volume of added truck traffic could actually require a stop light at the intersection. Otherwise I see no alternative to the traffic problem were that mine reopened.

I also feel strongly that the EIS fell far short of addressing the challenges that will be put on the entire area due to the re-opening of the mine. It did not take into consideration the displacement of wild life adequately.

Nor did it address the noise pollution. Residents who have lived in basically natural sound settings will be bomb-blasted by truck sounds they did not know when they purchased their property would be a result of the reopening of Zavoral/Tiller mine. They are victims to something they should have never been asked to consider!

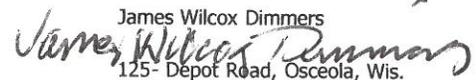
It did not adequately address the air and dust pollution. This chemical they propose to put on the land has a direct impact on stream water and the population of trout in the streams. I ask what it will do to human lungs? Anyone with a breathing condition will suffer extensively because of that mine. I for one and I will not let it go of whatever action I might be allowed to take towards their operation!

The land value study, if that is what one could call it, was so completely inaccurate I wonder how they thought intelligent people would fall for it! The lands surrounding that site stretching all the way into Wisconsin are of great value for what they have now, an interrupted view of a vast section of the St. Croix River Valley. To compare some western suburb to Northern Washington County land values is bogus! It WILL affect in a large amount the land values in the vicinity. Mounds of gravel will NOT enhance that aspect one bit and I believe will hinder tourists traffic to a measurable degree.

I could go on and on with many more reasons to oppose this conditional use permit but feel I have made for now enough clear reasons for NOT giving them the go ahead. Please consider what this would do to our lives out here and keep them away from the St. Croix River!

Thank You,

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