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TO: Mr. Dennis Conger  
Environmental Consultant  
State of Tennessee

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

From: Robert W. Follis (AIF for Janice F. Follis)  
78 Auburn Hills Drive  
Woodbury, TN 37190

RE: Blasting and environmental concerns at SRM Materials Quarry Woodbury, TN

Mr. Conger,

I am a resident of Woodbury, TN (address listed above). I also represent my mother Janice F. Follis as her Attorney in Fact at 199 Auburn Hills Drive, Woodbury, TN 37190.

Let this letter serve that we are requesting a public hearing so our concerns can be heard before this "permit modification" is approved.

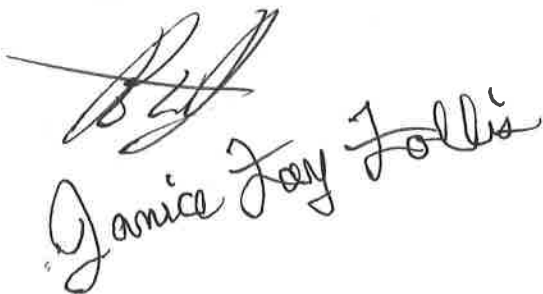
We are expressing our deep concerns about the proposal of an expanded or modified permit at the SRM Material Quarry located at 1327 John Bragg Hwy, Woodbury, TN.

Below are just some of the issues that we would like expressed at the public hearing:

1. In the month of April 2020 several residents of the community filed complaints with the State of TN Department of Commerce; deeply concerned that the seismic level of blasting at this quarry was at levels that could cause damage to our homes. As of this date we have never heard any response from the State of Tennessee if this had been investigated or evaluated at all.
2. The location of this quarry is at the boarder of the City of Woodbury; We love the views that we have of our rolling hills and landscape. This quarry has already destroyed an entire hill and any more expansion will destroy the beauty of our community.
3. The road (John Bragg Hwy) has a permanent trail of debris from the trucks that leave the quarry during the week. Driving home one day I thought someone had spilled a tanker of white paint on the highway because the pollution from the trucks exiting the facility was so bad.
4. We have great concerns for the wildlife and fish that live in what is the beginning of the Stones River. This sites at the boarder of the current permitted area.

I am requesting a written response from the State of Tennessee by December 30<sup>th</sup> specifically regarding item #1 above.

Robert W. Follis and Janice F. Follis



Janice Follis

## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Dennis Conger  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Craighead  
**Cc:** Daniel Lawrence; Bryan Epperson  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] SRM Rock Quarry

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**From:** blanche glimps <bglimps2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 3:23 PM  
**To:** Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SRM Rock Quarry

Hello Mr. Conger, I am very concerned about the activities of the above-mentioned rock quarry located in Woodbury, TN. We do not receive notification of blasting days. The blasts are strong enough to shake my two story brick house. It is frightening to be in the house and shaking from the blast occurs. My wood flooring has separated in several places as a result of the blasting from the quarry. The blasting adds pollutants to the air. The area in close proximity to the blasting is full of debris from the rocks. Sometimes, the debris looks as if snow is falling. It becomes difficult to breathe in that area. I am requesting a denial of the quarry's request to expand. The expansion area includes a stream that is used often by boaters. The quarry has not been good stewards of the current boundary area nor has it been a good neighbor to those living nearby.

I am requesting denial of the request to expand beyond the current boundary as well as a public hearing on the matter.

Cordially,  
Dr. Blanche Glimps

## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Dennis Conger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** Shannon Grandey  
**Cc:** Bonnie Craighead  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Notice of Public Hearing

Shannon:

Our office does not regulate blasting activity. Blasting is regulated by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The public hearing is being held to receive comments about the NPDES permit, which is a water quality permit. If you have questions related to the NPDES permit, contact the permit writer, Bonnie Craighead, at (865) 223-4083 or [Bonnie.Craighead@tn.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Craighead@tn.gov).

Thank you,



**Dennis Conger** | Environmental Consultant  
Division of Water Resources, Mining Section  
Knoxville Environmental Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921  
[Dennis.Conger@tn.gov](mailto:Dennis.Conger@tn.gov) | (865) 606-1746

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**From:** Shannon Grandey <[rbtg07@yahoo.com](mailto:rbtg07@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 9:09 PM  
**To:** Dennis Conger <[Dennis.Conger@tn.gov](mailto:Dennis.Conger@tn.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Notice of Public Hearing

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Mr. Conger,  
What about our request about the blasting?

## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Dennis Conger  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Craighead  
**Cc:** Daniel Lawrence  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] SRM Quarry, Woodbury TN

-----Original Message-----

From: me <rbtn07@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:01 PM  
To: Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SRM Quarry, Woodbury TN

I would like to complain about the quarry. I live at 116 Auburn Hills Dr, Woodbury. Not long after it opened I had a crack from my foundation corner to corner of window. Cost to fix \$3,000. Then my new porch, cracking and getting wider, cost to fix \$13000, and the lentil above my garage cost to fix \$1500. I had tile cracking, grout. People up and down my street are having problems. When USS {United Structural Service} was working on the porch and lentil, they were sitting in their truck eating lunch and were shocked by the strong vibrations felt that day. My neighborhood is ready to stand together and do what we need to.

Thank you,  
Shannon Grandey  
615-542-5579

## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Daniel Lawrence  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** abbie.howell@cannoncountyttn.gov  
**Cc:** Bryan Epperson; Dennis Conger; Bonnie Craighead  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Woodbury Quarry Public Hearing

Hi Abbie,

Your email and request have been received by the TDEC Mining Section. The public comment period for this permit remains open through November 22, 2021. You will be notified of TDEC's decision regarding a public hearing or a final permitting decision after the close of the public comment period. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments in the meantime.

Thank you,

Daniel Lawrence | Program Coordinator  
Division of Water Resources – Mining Section Knoxville Environmental Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 p. 865-803-1206 daniel.lawrence@tn.gov tn.gov/environment

We value your feedback! Please complete our customer satisfaction survey.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:59 AM  
To: Bonnie Craighead <Bonnie.Craighead@tn.gov>  
Cc: Daniel Lawrence <Daniel.Lawrence@tn.gov>; Bryan Epperson <Bryan.Epperson@tn.gov>  
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Woodbury Quarry Public Hearing

-----Original Message-----

From: Abbie Howell <abbie.howell@cannoncountyttn.gov>  
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:51 AM  
To: Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
Cc: Brent Bush <brent.bush@cannoncountyttn.gov>; Jonathon Fagan <jd@faganjd.com>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Woodbury Quarry Public Hearing

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Mr. Conger- Please read the attached request to a Public Hearing and let me know the outcome. Please affirm receipt of this email and request. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 615-563-2320. Thanks, Abbie



**BRENT D. BUSH**  
**County Executive of Cannon County**

200 W. Main St. • Woodbury, TN 37190 • 615-563-2320 • Fax: 615-563-2319 • Email: cannonex@dtccom.net

Date: 11/12/2021

To: Division of Water Resources Mining Section

I am notifying the Division that Cannon County would like to request a Public Hearing concerning;

Application: SRM Materials,

Facility: Woodbury Quarry

Permit Number: TN0069558

County: Cannon

Street Address: 1327 John Bragg Highway

City and Zip Code: Woodbury 37190

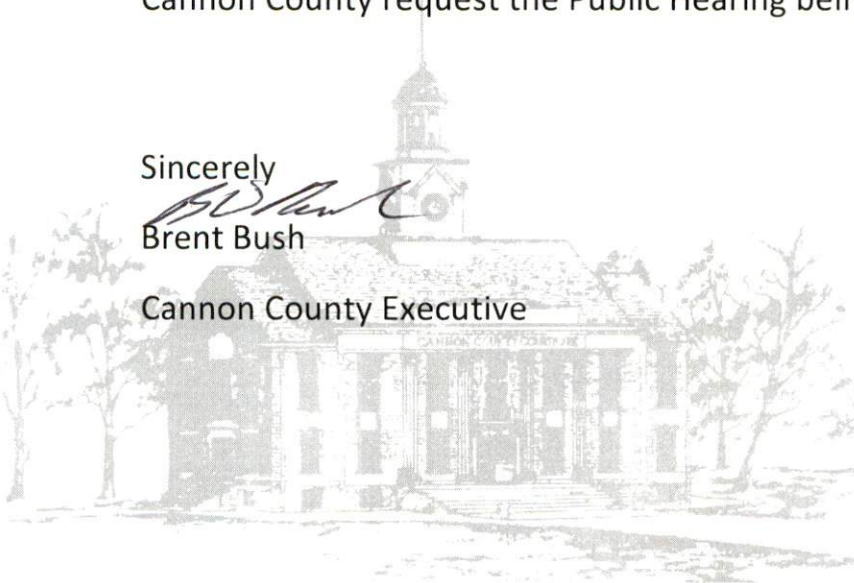
because the Woodbury Quarry has apparently operated 100 to 150ft beyond its line of operation which would require an expansion. Also, the county government officials have received several concerns consisting of the following: (1) Nearby houses shake during blasting, (2) Drivers of cars, trucks, and buses complaining about flying rocks, (3) Wells going dry, and (4) Springs going dry or altering courses. The citizens appear to be concerned that if the quarry is allowed to expand its operation their houses could be further damaged. Based on these concerns Cannon County requests the Public Hearing be held.

Sincerely



Brent Bush

Cannon County Executive



## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Dennis Conger  
**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2021 7:42 AM  
**To:** Bonnie Craighead  
**Cc:** Daniel Lawrence; Bryan Epperson  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Request for Hearing - SRM Materials-John Bragg Highway, Woodbury, TN

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**From:** Mary Whigham <cwhigha3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 2:45 PM  
**To:** Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Hearing - SRM Materials-John Bragg Highway, Woodbury, TN

Dear Mr. Conger

This is to request that a public hearing be scheduled concerning this company and its impact on the quality of life and structural damage to homes in the surrounding area.

I've owned my home on 152 Auburn Hills Drive, Woodbury, for two years but in May 2021 was finally able to finalize my move from Dothan, Alabama. My daughter lives one house down and has already had to have foundation repairs done to her house several years ago. She also just finished replacing her tile floors due to excessive cracking.

My primary concern is the frequency and force of the blasts. While the current law does require periodic seismograph monitoring, it is silent as to who is responsible and how the state would monitor this portion of the law for compliance. In my ramblings, if I read it correctly, I believe this requirement is being deleted from the proposed update. Bad idea - that forces those possibly affected to hire their own independent experts to deal with this problem.

If the company is not observing the terms of their permit as to their permitted boundaries, what else are they not doing.

Thank you for taking the time to review my request. I look forward to working with the other property owners to resolve our concerns.

Mary J. Whigham  
152 Auburn Hills Drive  
Woodbury, TN 37190  
(615) 563-3682 (land line with an answering machine)

## Bonnie Craighead

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**From:** Dennis Conger  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** Bonnie Craighead  
**Cc:** Daniel Lawrence  
**Subject:** FW: SRM rock quarry Woodbury TN

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**From:** David Zabriskie <zabriskie@dtccom.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:33 PM  
**To:** Dennis Conger <Dennis.Conger@tn.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SRM rock quarry Woodbury TN

Dear Dennis Conger,

I am responding to the SRM rock quarry public input article in the November 16 issue of the Cannon Courier. Since our family frequently travels the John Bragg Highway, we are very familiar with the location.

My main concern is the amount of fine dust from the quarry that often billows across the highway. It ends up settling on the highway and bridge. This also means that it is settling in the Stones River located under the bridge and adjoining the quarry site itself. It is also evident that the accumulated dust on the highway washes into the river.

The vehicles traveling the highway, the Arts Center, Farmers Market, and people in the area are also affected. Silicosis is real. Yes, it may take a period of time for the effects to be felt from repeated exposure. But anyone with a compromised respiratory system, and aquatic life in the river will be the first to be affected. The environmental impact from the location of this rock quarry is negative. This negative impact is on the people, wildlife, aquatic life and local businesses.

Please take this into serious consideration when evaluating the quarry permit.

Sincerely,

David Zabriskie