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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

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Regarding an amendment to permit application for AFS-Bennett Pit

Dear Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety,

We are concern neighbors of Bennett Sand and Gravel, I am writing this letter to protest the amendment to permit application for Albert Frei and Sons, Inc. AFS- Bennett Pit M.L.R.B. Permit #M-2001-038

Kindly consider your decision with granting the amended permit application. We are very concerned about the amendment to permit application being flied by Albert Frei and Sons, Inc AFS-Bennett Pit Permit #M2001-038

We feel the pit will cause damage to the environment and dry up the area's water resources. Also will introduce contaminants (primarily sediment) to our wells and the alteration of the volume of the baseline flow. We are also concerned about our water. We are on well water and have concerns about our water quality and if our well will be deep enough if the gravel mining uses a lot of water and drops the level of the aquifer.

Then there are concerns of the air quality and noise. Apparently they can operate from 6am to 10pm and this doesn't even include the already heavy semi truck traffic on Provost Road and 72nd Ave. The truck traffic has already increased since the purchase of pit by Frei and Sons by more than 50%. 72nd Ave is not maintained by Pit and Adams Co. is not willing to help because of conflict between them and AFS. The pit should have to put roadbase down or pave the road. Most of the trucks hauling sand out of pit are operating with license plates from Oklahoma. Therefore are Not paying Colorado road taxes. We feel that the expansion of this pit will affect the quality of life of our community!

This information was recieved from Jen Rutter Environmental Program Manager, Community & Economic Development Department ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO 4430 South Adams County Parkway, 1st Floor, Suite W2000A Brighton, CO 80601 720.523.6841 | jrutter@adcogov.org

Regarding the farm property that was recently purchased by AFS, north of the current mine, it does not need to be rezoned to be permitted for mining. Mining is a conditional use in the Agricultural-3 zone district and the process for obtaining a permit would require two public hearings, one before the Planning Commission and one before the Board of County Commissioners. We have not yet been approached by AFS for a new or amended mining application in this area. There will be several

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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING & SAFETY-MINERALS opportunities for public involvement in the permit process, including a neighborhood meeting, request for comments during the application review, and two public hearings.

We have never been notified about any meetings or public hearings.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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Sincerely,

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