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For the Record-Statement of Objection

I would like to go on record as being opposed to the changes in the manner in which fines are being issued as stated in the proposed changes. I do not believe the point system is fair, it gives the inspector too much power which is based on assumption that he knows it all.

Even if the industry had the same number of citations, the cost will be double due to the new system. If they reduced their citations by 50%, we would still payout the same as the present amount- not much incentive there.

Our small business needs the support of our government not more fines and government intervention. I ask that the stone dimension operators be issued a variance from these rules and increased assessments. Don't penalize us for what has happened in other segments of the mining industry.

In my opinion, the assessments are excessive and will discourage development of existing operations. We would also like to have the time allowed for comments from the public to be extended. Many people affected by these changes are not aware of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Blaine Worley

Owner, Worley Quarries, Inc.

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