

Michael Roth - Pacific Clay Products, Inc. - Administrative Civil Liability - R8-2011-0008

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Mr. Michael Roth,

I am happy to see Pacific Clay is being reprimanded for some of the polluting it has caused the surrounding areas and residents in the vicinity of their mining operations. It seems they are more interested in making money than the health and well being of the people they brought in to live here under their parent company Castle & Cooke. They sold us our home and told us the clay mining operation would be shut down and become a part of the planned community, but it seems they have stepped up mining operations, opened a couple new mines and abandoned the "planned community" idea along with all of the people they sold homes to.

I have a 10 month old son and 3 year old toddler that I am concerned about due to the fugitive silica dust, which is known to cause asthma, emphysema and lung cancer. And now to hear they are contaminating the water is extremely disturbing. Over 100 doctors in the area signed a petition claiming the quarries are harmful to the health of the people living around them, but that doesn't seem to be of any concern to the local politicians since they are making revenue off these operations. If there is a way for me to become certified to take water samples for the board, then I will dilligently do so as Pacific Clay can be fined for more than the \$40,000.00, which is obviously cheaper for them than doing the right thing. Will there ever come a time when the State of California will step in and shut them down for this pollution?

Regards,

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