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I am here to make a comment on the proposed code chapter 77 pa25.

I suppose the first question I would like to ask is what is this increase for? What exactly are you doing with our money? In what way are you helping OUR land, OUR jobs, OUR families, by increasing or creating fees that never existed or were at much lower costs?

I believe if you inserted a Y in the word OUR you would get your answer..... It's YOUR families that you are helping and YOUR jobs and OUR land, jobs and families suffer because of it.

When this gravel pit opened there were not half as many rules and regulations as there are now, and when this gravel pit opened there were that many more jobs and people who could feed there families.

You mean to tell me that out of the blue it should cost a business 20,225 dollars to mine below the water table? WHAT FOR? What exactly is that money leaving our business going to do for us? Will it help our employees buy insurance, put food on their tables, send their children to college ? Is it going to help our business stay open? Will it create more jobs for people? Is it going to allow for our business to keep up with current safety regulations? Will it make sure that our land is free of danger and that our equipment is safe to run and able to even dig under the water table? Will it make sure we can put the earth back to a natural habitat for animals and a future clean place for our children to run and play?

I mean I know we pay for bonds to make sure we put the earth back. I know that we have MSHA who comes in and makes sure we are complying with every possible safety issue you could think of. I know that we must use a reputable garbage company to take our trash. I know that we have special regulations for our oils.... I know that we pay taxes... and more taxes.. and more taxes.... on top of insurance and our bonds and so on and so forth.... I mean how many more fees can you give companies and think they will stay in business?

This is just absolutely ridiculous. I need to have a job because I need to pay for a roof over my own and my children's heads... food for our bodies... doctor visits.. etc etc etc..... How am I supposed to do that if you keep implementing more and more fees so that the business I work for has to close its doors?

I'm sure I will get to hear how that is not the case, no one wants more people to lose their jobs. I'm sure you will tell me that these fees will in some way help me and future generations.....

How is it if you are increasing fees and making new ones that you are doing anything better for anyone especially the environment.

So back to square one..... WHY are you making these increases? WHY is it you are creating these new ones that no one can afford ? HOW are we supposed to pay them? HOW is this making a better future?

Where does the money come from to pay for the trucks you drive and the pretty decals on the door? How is your health care paid for? Do you have a retirement fund? Who pays for the gas in the vehicles that you drive and the food you eat when you travel around looking at peoples land?

I could go on and on but I think you get the picture.

Here is a picture from my point of view.... We are a business that is small and family based. We are a close network of people who do not just come to work every day and then go home. We talk and see each other after work and on weekends. When one of us adds a new family member wether it be through marriage or a new baby we are there to celebrate with each other. When one of us is having a difficult time we do what we can to lend a hand and help out. We do not put forth every effort to make sure we are in a safe work environment just because its the right thing to do. We do it because it is the right thing to do AND because if one of us were to ever get hurt it wouldn't be a co- worker we lost it would be a member of our family.

Right now you are trying to push through an enormous fee that we cannot possibly meet. You are trying to take away our jobs, our family, our livelihood.

Everyday we each come to work and put in an effort to make sure we all still have a job because all of us needs a roof over our head and all of us want to be able to feed our families.

Some of the guys have worked here for close to twenty years. Some as few as a year.

With this they keep asking where will I go? Who will hire me?

And all it would take to end their questions is for agencies to look at the big picture and see it isn't just about meeting your budget its about who and how you effect everyone else in the process.

thanks,

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